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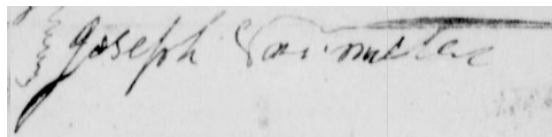
Pension Application of Joseph Vanmeter S16010

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 13 June 2014.

State of Virginia Hardy County to wit

On this 23^d day of August 1832, personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Joseph Vanmeter a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Capt'n William Vause and served in the 12th regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers Cols James Wood and John Neville [sic: John Nevill], Maj. Lyon said Capt Vause Lieut. Abraham Hite and David Williams. that he left the service in 1782 or 1783 that he enlisted for three years but was returned by his officer for the war. that while stationed at Valley Forge with Gen'l. Washington and Lafayette [winter 1777-78] he was promoted to an Ensigny and so continued throughout the war. That he resided in Hampshire County Virginia when he entered the service, That he was engaged in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 June 1778], Blufords defeat [sic: defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780]. That That he marched through Maryland, Pensylvania, New Jersey and into New York to the Hudson and returned through the same states through Virginia, North Carolina and into South Carolina He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph Vanmeter". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right. The signature is written on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby certifie that Joseph Vanmeter enlisted a Sergeant in Capt. Vauses comp'y in the Eighth Virg'a. Reg't. the fourteenth day of January 1777. was promoted an Ensign the fourteenth day of July 1779 and resign'd in September 1780. given under my hand this 26 day May 1783.

[signed by Lt. Col. Jonathan Clark, illegible in the online image.]

NOTE: Documents in the file show that a Col. Hite received certificates for the balance of Vanmeter's full pay as an Ensign of Infantry for the period 4 Jul 1779 to 25 Sep 1780 and for the period up to 1 Jan 1782.