

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cornelius Vanasdall S4705

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State of Ohio Knox County: SS

On this twenty fifth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Knox now sitting Cornelius Vanasdall a resident of Morgan Township in the County of Knox and State of Ohio aged seventy-three 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit Colonel Pendleton, Captain John Vanmetre [John Van Metre, Vanmeter, etc.], Lieutenant Henry Vanmetre Entered the service in the month of April 1779 as a volunteer, resided when he entered the service within 5 miles of Shepherdstown Barkly [Berkeley] County Virginia marched to Fort Pitt and then down the Ohio River to Wheeling where he was stationed during the summer until fall and marched back to Fort Pitt when he was Discharged in the month of October the same year having served six months, and again about the first of May 1781 he was drafted into the Service under the following officers to wit Captain Henry Vanmetre, and he thinks he was under Colonel Dark resided when he entered the service in Barkley County Virginia marched from Witherton's marsh to Falmouth then to Fredericksburg then to Williamsburg then to little York and was there during the Siege and at the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis and then marched with a body of prisoners to Winchester and was there Discharged about the first of November of the same year. He states he knew General Washington & Lafayette. He also states he was born in Summersett [Somerset] in the State of New Jersey in the year 1759 [last digit unclear could be 1758]. He has the record of his age at home in his Bible. He received a discharge but has since lost it by whom it was signed he does not recollect. He also states that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person that has any knowledge of his service except William Beam he has lived ever since the revolutionary war part of the time in Virginia and then moved to Green County Pennsylvania and then to a Ohio where he now lives. He also states that he is known in his present neighborhood to William Beam, James Bell & Benjamin Bell who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution and there is no clergyman in my neighborhood.

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 the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Alexander Elliott, Clerk

S/ Cornelius Vanasdall, X his mark

[Nathaniel Davis and John Beam gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

In the Matter of Cornelius Vanasdall's application for a pension the following questions was by

the order of the court propounded to him the said Cornelius Vannasdall and the answers hereinafter mentioned given there to by the said Cornelius Vannasdall under oath as follows –
1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In Somerset County in the State of New Jersey in the year 1759

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have, in my family Bible at home

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. When first called into the service I lived within 5 miles of Shepherdstown Berkeley County Virginia where I continued to live until about the year 1788 when I moved with my family to Green County in the State of Pennsylvania where I lived until about 22 years ago when I moved to Knox County Ohio where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. In my first tour I was a volunteer for 6 months and again I was drafted and served 6 months.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Generals Washington and Lafayette who were with the troops where I served part of the time the number of the regiments with which I served I do not now recollect the general circumstances of my service are set forth in my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I did receive a Discharge by whom it was signed I do not recollect, but I have lost it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. William Beam, James Bell and Benjamin Bell

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 25th day of September A.D. 1832

S/ Cornelius Vanasdall, X his mark

[Note: William Beam's testimony, if any, is not shown in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the Virginia militia.]