

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Vandiford S4707

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State of Tennessee Hickman County: SS: General Court September Term 1832

On this 10th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 & of our independence the 57th personally appeared in open Court before James Canffield Mitcher [???], presiding & holding the circuit Court of the Court of Hickman County aforesaid now sitting James Vandiford a resident of the County and State aforesaid on Hailey's Creek aged seventy-one years the 21st day of September 1832 who first being 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. I was drafted as a private soldier for the term of five months as a militia man of the State of North Carolina in her service under the [indecipherable interlineation] [one or more indecipherable words] of the United States against Great Britain. I was then about the age of 16 or 17 years & I think it was in the year 1777 or 78 to the best of my recollection. I then resided in the state of North Carolina in the County of Anson with my father James Vandiford in 5 miles of the then seat of justice in said County called Mountain Pleasant at the close of the war it was moved & called Wadesboro & the reason of this removal was because the County was divided & by the division it through Mountain Pleasant near the County line, the name of my Captain is Ledbetter that of my Lieutenant Fletcher, about five of us went in company to Salisbury where we were met by the other troops and mustered into service at this place we stayed about one week waiting for the troops to collect from this place we were marched under the command of Colonel Dobbins through the Town of Charlotte in Mclinburgh [Mecklenburg] County State of North Carolina into the State of South Carolina through the Town of Campden [Camden] from thence went a place called the Salt Catcher & from thence we went to Savannah River the dividing line between the State of South Carolina & the State of Georgia, here we joined General Lincoln & part of our troops passed over the River & had a skirmish with the British on Brier Creek in the State of Georgia. I was not in the engagement with the enemy being left on the South Carolina side of the River with part of the troops as a rear guard, from this place we went to a little Town called Orangeburg in the State of South Carolina in the vicinity of this place we remained with occasional changes until I was discharged which was at the end of 5 months after being mustered into service. I do not recollect whether General Lincoln remained here all the time I was here or not. From this place after being discharged I went home to my Father's in Anson County aforesaid. I arrived there as well as I can recollect in the month of April after I had been drafted & discharged. I remained at my Father's until the

following December when I entered the service of the State for the common cause of the United States for the term of 3 months as a substitute. Captain Fair hired me but in whose place I do not recollect if I ever knew, he was the Captain of the company in which I served, he marched us to Charlotte Court House State of North Carolina where we met the troops & was mustered into service commanded by Colonel Hampton from thence we marched under his command until we joined General Lincoln near Charleston where we remained some short time & was marched into the town & aided in making breastworks & here remained until the end of the term of service when I was discharged, from there I went to my Father's in the aforesaid County of Anson a distance of about 200 miles where I again arrived in the month of April, here I remained with my father as a minute man under the command of Captain John Lajarnet [?] until the next June, when I was drafted as a minute man of the State of North Carolina for the term of 3 months. A Captain by the name of Brackin commanded the company he marched us to a creek [?] called the hanging rock in the State of South Carolina, there we were joined by the other North Carolina Militia from thence we marched to the Congaree River where a French Colonel by the name of mounted he took command of us lay at Camden just stated [??] where our Capt. Brackin deserted us & went home, we were then put under command of Captain Bell at this place, or near it we joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] & in a few days we fought the battle of the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs]. I was in this battle, we took 3 or 400 prisoners who were conveyed to Salisbury for safekeeping under guard of whom I was one but before we got to Salisbury those of the militia who lived no down in North Carolina were discharged & I amongst the rest after having served this tour of three months about six miles above Camden in South Carolina at a place called Rugeley's mill from here I went home to my Father's in the County of Anson aforesaid, where I remained about one week. After which I volunteered for the term of 3 months in the company of & commanded by the said Captain John Lejarnett who was under the command of General Rutherford he marched us down near Wilmington in the State of North Carolina to a place called the brick house where we had a little skirmish with the British who were fortified in the house we killed 6 of them here & they one of ours we deemed it [indecipherable word] to rush on them so strongly for [one or more indecipherable words] in the daytime & waited until night but before we attacked them they retreated to Wilmington where the British were in strong force. We remained here until we heard of the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown & then we were discharged not having served out the time but what I lacked of it I cannot now recollect, but I think it was not much during the whole of the war in the South I was either in the service of the United States as a militia man or ready as a minute man against the British and Tories. I further state that I lost or mislaid my discharges many years ago, not been thinking they would be of any use to me. I have no documentary evidence of the facts above stated as to my service in the revolutionary war. I know of no other person by whom I can prove my services in said war [indecipherable word]

Questions – James Vandiford where and in what year were you born

Asn. In the state of Maryland Queen and County 21st September 1761

Q have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

A. have no record of my age it was once put in writing but is lost, there are to fax by which I know my age the first is from the age of my brother George who is 10 years younger than myself his age is set down in a book. The other fact is the taking of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. I was 20 years old on the 21st day of September preceding the taking of Lord Cornwallis.

Q. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, where do you now live.

Ans. When called into service I was living in Anson County State of North Carolina at the close of the revolutionary [war] I returned there after being discharged out of the service, and there I lived until I was 50 years of age & something the rise of it & from whence I moved to Hickman County State of Tennessee in the first part of the month of December & if I should live to the next December after the date of this Declaration I shall have been in Hickman County 21 years which if I do live that long I expect to be in Hickman County, being as I have no opinion, in the nation [???], or much power to remove

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for.

Ans. I was drafted the first tour I went as a private soldier for the term of 5 months. The 2nd tour that I performed was as a substitute for the term of 3 months, the Captain of the company hired me in a man's place but his name I do not recollect, if ever I knew it, the Captain's name was James Fare. The next tour I served was also for 3 months & I was drafted, during this I was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs. The next tour which I served I was a volunteer for 3 months under General Rutherford.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service?

Ans. At the Eutaw Springs General Green commanded in chief and a French man was Colonel & took command of our Regiment at this battle by the name of Malmedy. General Lincoln commanded the first & 2nd tours and the 2nd [several indecipherable words] our Regiment I do not know whether he was a regular officer or not. The first tour I served we had a battle at Briar Creek in the State of Georgia part of the troops were engaged in it I was not being kept back as a guard on the North side of Savannah River. General Lincoln commanded the 2nd tour I was commanded by General Lincoln. The 3rd tour I was commanded by General Greene & Colonel Malmedy. I was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs. The 4th tour I was in a little skirmish a short distance above Wilmington in the State of North Carolina at a place called the Brick house in this house there were about 300 British & Tories we attacked them & killed 6 or 7 & they killed one of our men we [several indecipherable words] from the house as they were strongly fortified in it, but returned before that night at which time they retreated to Wilmington where the British were stationed and in a few days we heard of the capture of Lord Cornwallis and was discharged & went home.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Vandiford, X his mark

S/ Millington Easley, Clerk

[The names of 2 of the witnesses I cannot discern, one witness is named Joseph Walker; they appear to have given the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]