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Pension Application of Vachel Fandre W1407

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State of Kentucky Clarke [sic: Clark] County Sct:

On his twenty fourth day of december in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court in and for the County aforesaid now sitting Vachel Fandre, a resident of Clarke County aforesaid and aged seventy years on the eighteenth day of december one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two 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.

1st During the revolutionary War between Great Britain and the United Stated I was drafted for a tour of service in the Virginia Militia, in Henrico County and in the month of April 1779. I entered said service under Lieutenant Owens and marched from said County and guarded some British Prisoners from Richmond to Winchester in said state – said Prisoners were taken as I then was informed at the capture of Burgoyne [at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] – and on this tour I served twenty days when I was discharged but my discharge was not in writing, and I served under Lieutenant Owens. If there was a Captain in command I have forgotten his name.

2 In october 1779 I was drafted for another tour in said militia in the County aforesaid (where I was then and had been living during the whole of said year) and thence marched in Capt. Elisha Leak's company as a guard over some British Prisoners from Richmond to Winchester Barracks and was then discharged, though not in writing. I don't remember where said prisoners were taken and on this tour I served twenty five days

3^d – In november 1779, I was again drafted for a tour in said Militia, in Goochland County, and marched in the company of Capt Parrish (one Mullen being the Lieutenant) from said County to the Albemarle Barracks four miles above Charlottesville. During said tour we guarded the Prisoners at said Barracks where Col. [Theodoric] Bland commanded. and I served one month and was there discharged but not in writing. I believe that Col. Bland was a regular officer.

4th In april 1780 I entered the service in Hanover County, as a substitute for David Henderson who had been drafted for a term in said Militia of six months and I marched in Capt John Price's company, from said County to Richmond in Virginia – thence to Hillsborough in North Carolina, which was the place of rendezvous. George Bingham was our Lieutenant – and we were under the command of Genl Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] – Major William Boyce was our Brigade Inspector. On this tour I served six months – and was discharged at Guilford Courthouse in November 1780. We were marched from Hillsborough to Headquarters, which we reached near Rugeley's Mills the evening before the Battle of Campden, in South Carolina [sic: Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] when Genl. [Horatio] Gates was defeated by Lord Cornwallis. Genl. Stephens brigade or division, in said engagement was on the left and the company to which I was attached was on the right of that left wing of the army. I saw Baron De Kalb when he was wounded by the British in said action and when he received the wounds of which he died [on 19 Aug]. During that action I was attached to Capt Goodall's Company. A part of our Company reached Hillsborough after said action. I marched from the latter place in Capt Curd's [probably Edmund Curd's] company (Capt Price being detained by sickness at Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] River) to New Garden under Major Nathaniel Morriss [sic: Nathaniel Garsden Morris] – thence to the three Moravian Towns [Bethabara, Bethania, and Salem NC] and thence back to Guildford Courthouse in North Carolina, where I received from said Morriss a written discharge which I have since lost. I was engaged in the said battle

of Campden.

5th. About the 1st of April 1781 I was drafted in Goochland County for a tour of two months in said militia and entered the service and marched in the Company of Capt Mark Leak from said County down James River, which we crossed at Sandy Point, and then marched to Smithfield where we were under the command of Major Decloman [probably Christian Charles de Klauman]. On this tour I served two months and we were engaged in a skirmish with the British troops at Blackwater in the Isle of Wight County – and from this tour I was discharged about the 1st of June 1781 – but my discharge was not in writing.

6th In June 1781 I was again drafted in Goochland County for another tour of two months in said Militia and marched from said County in the Company of Capt Stokeley [Stockley] Towles to Mobbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill] on Turkey Island Creek. On this tour I served two months and was engaged in a skirmish with a British vessel. We marched to Gloucester on the north side of York river in which vicinity we were discharged but not in writing and at the close of said tour we were under the command of Major William Boyce & my discharge took place early in august 1781.

7th – But previously to the performance of the two last tours as fifthly and sixthly above set forth, to wit, on or about the first day of January 1781 I entered said service as a substitute for Robert Wade who had been drafted for a two months tour in the said Militia in Goochland County and thence marched in the company of Capt William Miller to Richmond, thence down James River to Smithfield and Cabbin Point [sic: Cabin Point on James River in Surry County] and at the latter place I was discharged in the month of March 1781 but my discharge was not in writing – and on this tour I served two months. The whole company were discharged at the same time and we were attached to the Light Infantry Regiment I have forgotten the names of the other officers of said Company. Sampson Matthews was the Colonel of said Regiment and Major Decloman was on said expedition a Major in command. We were called out to repel Benedict Arnold's invasion of Virginia [5 - 7 Jan 1781], though on this tour we were not engaged in any battle or skirmish

8th – In August 1781 I was again drafted in Goochland County for a tour of two months in said Militia and marched in said service in the first part of that month in Capt Elisha Leak's company from said County to Mobbin Hills and thence under Major William Boyce to Brock's Bridge and thence across to the three notched road – then to Dandridge's plantation, thence to Hickory neck Church [sic: Hickory Nut Church] near the burnt ordinary, eleven miles this side of Williamsburg – and at the last point I was detached under Gen'l Anthony Wayne (Major Boyce commanding us) to storm James Town where I was engaged in a battle under said Wayne [Battle of Green Spring Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] – thence we marched back to Hickory nut Church – thence to Drinking Springs, below Williamsburg and there I was discharged early in October 1781 but not in writing and I served two months on this tour

9th In October 1781, I entered the service in said Militia in Goochland County as a substitute for Barnett Owens who had been drafted for a tour of two months and I marched in the Company of Capt [illegible] (said William Boyce being our Major) and in Col. Joseph Dark's regiment – on this tour I served two months, during which we were marched to York where we were engaged in the siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], which resulted in the capture of said Town and the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, and his Army as Prisoners of War to the American forces. Genl. Washington was there also Genl. LaFayette &c. &c. After the siege of York, I was marched to Winchester, in Virginia, as a Guard over the British Prisoners and I was discharged at the Winchester Barracks at the termination of my two month's service, but my discharge was not in writing

I was born on the 18th December 1762, in Lancaster County Virginia. I have no record of my age. I have seen said record in my father's dictionary, but where that Dictionary is now I don't know. I have stated above where I lived at the respective periods of my entering said services as a draft or substitute.

I now live in Clarke County, Kentucky and since the revolutionary War I lived in Goochland County, Virginia, until October [year illegible] when I removed to Kentucky where I have ever since lived

in said Clarke County.

I have no documentary evidence of my services aforesaid and I know of no person living by whom I can prove any part of my said services, except John Gorden, Richard Lewis and Nicholas Crutchfield, and that said Lewis, if alive, resides about eighty miles from me and owing to my age and infirmities I cannot go to him to get his statement and in consequence of my poverty I am unable to send for it.

I am known in my present neighbourhood to Samuel Hanson, Luke Hood, James Clark late a representative in Congress from this State, Chilton Allan, the present representative in Congress from this District & Samuel M. Taylor who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

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

I further state that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, I cannot swear positively as to the precise length of my service but according to the best of my recollection I served not less than the periods above mentioned and in all not less than eighteen and a half months and owing to such infirmity of memory, I cannot state, with more particularity than I have done above, the times of the commencement and termination of my several tours of service and for said eighteen & a half months service I claim a pension.

I state as a reason why I served in such quick succession, so frequently, as a draft in said militia that occasionally I was from home when drafts were made which I ought to have stood and generally when absent from home at such time I was engaged as a substitute for others (as above set forth) in the military service of my Country and on some calls I was not out as much as thirty days as set forth in the first and second specification above and I presume that terms of service for less than thirty days did not exempt me from another draft – though all this is mere conjecture, as my memory does not enable me to speak with certainty on the subject.

I remember that The Marquis, as he was then called, De La Fayette was present at the affair of James Town and I suppose was the commanding General.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid Vachel hisXmark Fandree
[Certified by John Gorden. See his pension application W8858.]

NOTES:

The HeritageQuest version of this file also includes the pension application of Charles Fane (S3343).

On 17 May 1853 Agness A Fandree, resident of Pendleton County KY, aged 63, applied for a pension, stating that as Agness A Boggs she married Vachael Fandree in Clark County on 18 Dec 1823, and he died there on 23 Dec 1840. On 13 Apr 1855 she applied for bounty land, stating that she married Vachel Fandree on 28 Jan 1824, and he died about 1 Jan 1841. Elsewhere in the file the surname is spelled Fandry.