

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Vandeman W6355

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State of Ohio Ross County: SS

On this 11th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in & for Ross County aforesaid, John Vandeman a resident of the said County of Ross in the State of Ohio, aged seventy-five years and upwards, 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 United States [service] under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he enlisted into the service of the United States as a regular Soldier for eighteen months, under Captain Andrew Waggener at that time stationed at Union Town [Uniontown] (then called Beasontown) in Pennsylvania, in the month of August, the precise year he cannot recollect but well remembers it was one year or about that time before the time when the British troops under Lord Howe first took possession of Philadelphia, that Prisley Nevill [Presley Neville] was the Lieutenant of the Company, and Colonel Nevill [John Nevill] the father of the Lieutenant Nevill commanded the Regiment to which this Company was attached – that the time he enlisted as aforesaid he resided near Beason Town aforesaid and from thence he was marched to Pittsburgh – where they lay during part of the winter & in the spring they were marched from Pittsburgh to Winchester under the command of Captain Waggener – where he was taken with the smallpox & left there, the residue of his Company went home – & in July or August following he having got well enough went on & joined the Company at Philadelphia, in the Regiment of Colonel Nevill, in the Army commanded by General Washington that not long after say one month or six weeks – he was in the Battle at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] – Colonel Nevill commanded the Regiment at that Battle – General Muhlenberg also commanded in that Battle. The Battle commenced about 8 o'clock in the morning – he saw from the right of the Army where his Regiment was stationed the first flash from the British line – the right of the American Army [indecipherable word, could be 'posted'] on a long bridge – that in the evening of the same day about 4 miles from this place, they met the enemy again at a place where there was a Meeting House – & were compelled to retreat before the Enemy – & that from thence he was removed to Reddemtown [Reading town?] on the Scullkill [Schuylkill River], where he lay sick for some time – thence he joined his company again while the Army lay at Valley Forge in winter quarters – he got his war for ordinary use out of the little stream called Brandywine as well as he recollects – And there he was discharged in the month of April from the service – his eighteen months term of enlistment having expired. That he returned home not far from Beason Town, in Pennsylvania. That in 2 or 3 years afterwards he volunteered under one Captain Catt [probably Michael Catt] in an expedition against the Indians, & went to Wheeling where they lay a long time waiting for the troops to join them under General Clark [George Rogers Clark] from Kentucky. He failing to

join them, they attempted to descended the River, & were attacked near the mouth of Little Kenhawa [Kanawha River] by the Indians, & with great difficulty a part of the Company made their escape – many were killed – that this was his last service.

He obtained a written discharge from the Service at Valley Forge but it has been lost by time or accident. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or 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 in open court

S/ Humphrey Fullerton, Clerk

S/ John Vandeman, X his mark

[James Hemphill and Henry Hester gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to John Vandeman in Open Court, on oath he answers thereto

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Virginia not far from Staunton – but I don't know the day, month or year, as my father deceased when I was very young & I have never seen any record.

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

Ans. I have none nor have I ever seen any

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

Ans. Near Beason Town in Pennsylvania. Since the revolutionary war, he lived in Pennsylvania until about 30 years ago – he removed to where he now lives, in Ross County Ohio.

4. Who gave you your discharge?

Ans. I can't recollect – I have lost it.

5. Did you ever receive a Discharge

Ans. I did, at Valley Forge, but I don't know now who gave it to me, or where it is – I have lost it as aforesaid.

S/ John Vandeman, X his mark

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Supplementary Declaration of John Vandeman in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

The said John Vandeman in addition to the facts & Circumstances stated in his former declaration of 11th December 1832 states that at the time he served in Neville's Regiment as stated in his former Declaration to which this is a Supplement his name being of German origin, it was called & pronounced in various ways by the officers & soldiers and he thinks it likely it may have been enrolled or written in some measure different from what this Declarant now writes it. He was sometimes called John Vandemore – and Junctions [?] by the Soldiers [?] Finedemore, or Fundeman & not infrequently Tundaman or Tundamant – That his Brother who served with him was called into the same way as in sport or derision but infrequently & he states that he knows of no living witness other than the one whose affidavit is hereto attached by whom he can prove his service aforesaid, & that if the testimony of this witness accompanied by his own solemn oath with the truth of all the concurrent circumstances are yet deemed insufficient for the object; He is wholly deprived thereby of the relief intended for him by the Government.

That Martin Verner whose affidavit is hereto attached is well known to this declarant, and that he is upwards of 70 years of age, & lived in the neighborhood of this declarant at the time of

his enlistment – and further he says not.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 26 March 1834

S/ Humphrey Fullerton, Clerk

S/ John Vandeman, X his mark

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State of Ohio Athens County SS: Before me A. Brown a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally came Martin Varner [could be Verner or Vorner] to me personally well known who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he has been intimately acquainted with John Vandeman of Concorde Township Ross County State of Ohio ever since he was a small boy; that he formerly resided near Beason Town German Township Fayette County Pennsylvania. That he well remembers that a short time before the Battle of Brandywine the said John Vandeman and his brother Frederick Vandeman both enlisted into the Army of the United States as he thinks for 3 years, contrary to the wishes of their parents; that he believes they were both in said battle of Brandywine being, the first in which they were engaged after going into the Army: that he believes the said John Vandeman and his Brother were absent in the service about 3 years as nearly as he can now recollect, that he cannot at this distance of time recollect precisely the day, month or year in which the said John Vandeman enlisted; further than that it was the same year of the battle of Brandywine; and he cannot now recollect the name of the officers under whom the said John & Frederick Vandeman enlisted: that the name of the said John Vandeman [indecipherable word] commonly to be pronounced Vandemore.

S/ Martin Varner, X his mark

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State of Ohio Ross County: SS

Personally appeared in open Court the March Term A.D. 1834 within named John Vandeman and being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of his old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time of his entire service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades: For one year & six months as a private soldier under the first enlistment aforesaid. For six months more under the second volunteer service under Captain Catt, as aforesaid as a private soldier and for such service he claims a pension.

S/ John Vandeman, X his mark

[Hugh S Fullerton, a Presbyterian minister, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p 8: On December 25, 1846 in Fayette County Ohio, Mary Vandeman, late of Ross County, 81 years, 11 months and 9 days old , made application for a pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Vandeman, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him May 4, 1786 in Fayette County Pennsylvania; that her husband died January 18, 1840; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 17: On April 10, 1847 in Fayette County Ohio, Charles Vandeman a resident of Concorde Township Ross County, aged 53 years on the 31st day of March last, gave testimony that he is the 4th son of John and Mary Vandeman; that his father had a family register in a Bible from which it appears that Matthias Vandeman the eldest son of his parents was born March 10th, 1787.

Charles Vandeman]

[facts in file: the veteran and his wife had children: Matthias born March 10, 1887, John, Coonrad, Charles who was born March 31, 1794, Elizabeth who married a Perrin and Henry. There were other children but their names did not appear in the documents in the file. In 1847 a Mrs. Susan Vandeman (relationship not shown) living in Scott Township, Adams County of Ohio gave testimony that she was 75 years of age and that she was present shortly after the marriage of the veteran and his wife at the home of the veteran's father John Vandeman.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing January 19, 1840.]