

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Vandaman (Vandeman) W6357 Susannah f32VA
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The State of Ohio Adams County: SS

On this eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord 1843, personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Adams in the State of Ohio Susanna Vandeman a resident of the Township of Scott in the County of Adams in the State of Ohio aged seventy years on the 5th day of February now last past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Frederick Vandeman deceased who was a private in the Army of the United States in the revolutionary war. That from information she heard from her husband and others at the time and shortly after the time of her marriage with the said Frederick Vandeman as herein after stated – She states that the said Frederick Vandeman entered the service of the United States sometime in the year 1779 – but the month or the day of the month she cannot now state, he continued in the service for a period of eighteen months and upwards, the precise time she cannot now state. That the said Frederick Vandeman was an enlisted soldier in the company of Captain Andrew Wagoner [Andrew Waggener or Waggoner] of the 8th Virginia Regiment of the regular Army of the United States. That she has often heard her husband tell over the names of the officers with whom he served, but cannot state at this time any of their names except Captain Andrew Wagoner aforesaid. That the said Frederick Vandeman at the time of his enlistment resided in Fayette County in the State of Pennsylvania about four miles from Uniontown. That while said Frederick Vandeman was in the service of the United States he was engaged in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and was also during the winter following encamped at the encampment at Valley Forge. She further states that she has often heard her husband state many of the particulars of his service but from age and [indecipherable word] and loss of memory she cannot now state them except what she has stated. She states that to the best of her knowledge and belief her husband the said Frederick Vandeman was a soldier of the revolution and served as herein before stated. She further states that she has no documentary evidence to show his service, that if the said Frederick had a written discharge this declarant has no recollection of ever seeing it. She further declares that she was married to the said Frederick Vandeman on the 7th day of September in the year 1789. That she was married in German [?] Township in said County of Fayette in the State of Pennsylvania by a Presbyterian clergyman by the name of Wartspaugh² his Christian name she

¹ *German Township*

² His last name is spelled "Watspaugh" in other documents in this file.

cannot now recollect. That her husband the aforesaid Frederick Vandeman died on the 8th day of July 1813 in Washington County in the State of Pennsylvania aforesaid. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the last day of January 1794 = viz. at the time above stated. She further states that she has no family record of her marriage.

S/ Susannah Vandeman, X her mark

[f p. 8: On June 1, 1843, Christina McCormack, 68, gave testimony in Adams County Ohio stating that she was well acquainted with Frederick Vandeman formerly of Fayette County Pennsylvania from about 1781 until his death; that she was present in 1789 when Frederick Vandeman married Susanna Hellicost, the sister of this affiant; that Frederick died in 1813; that Frederick always bore the reputation of having been a soldier of the revolution having fought at the battle of Brandywine and being encamped at Valley Forge.]

[f p 32: On February 15, 1848 in Athens County of Ohio, Martin Varner, 80, gave testimony that he was intimately acquainted with Frederick Vandeman formerly of Fayette County Pennsylvania; that in his youth when Frederick Vandeman was about 17 years of age he and his brother John Vandeman enlisted in the United States revolutionary Army and was absent from home about 18 months; that Vandeman was understood to have been at the battle of Brandywine during his service; that he, affiant, was present at the marriage of the veteran and to his wife whose maiden name was Hillicost; that he cannot remember the date of the marriage but knows it was prior to 1790.]

[facts in file: the widow whose name was also spelled Hillicost; the widow was born February 5, 1773; that she had lived in Adams County Ohio upwards of 20 years at the time she filed her application in 1843; that she died April 4, 1855; there is reference made to a son of the veteran and his wife but his name is not given; in 1848 a William Vandeman lived in Adams County Ohio but his relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his wife is not stated.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia service]