

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Barnabas Vandevener (Vandevender)<sup>1</sup> W6371 Eliazbeth f58VA

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The State of Ohio Preble County: SS

On this 21st day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in & for the County of Preble and State of Ohio Barnabas Vandevender a resident of Eaton Preble County & State of Ohio aged 71 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States & served as herein after stated.

That he entered the service as a substitute for one John Miller in Rockingham County & State of Virginia in Captain Abraham Lincoln & Lieutenant Jacob Lincoln's Company in Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Virginia militia sometime in the latter part of September oh in the first of October 1778 – and served a tower [tour] of duty of three months under General McIntosh in what was called McIntosh's Campaign against the Indians. That he was marched to the mouth of Big Beaver on the Ohio River and was there attached to the 7 and 8 Pennsylvania and the 7 & 8 Virginia Regiments of Regulars he thinks, they were commanded by Colonels Gibson and Broadhead, that they built a Fort at that place and then marched with the Regulars to the Muskingum River, Built a Fort called Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] and was then marched back to the mouth of Big Beaver on the Ohio River where he was discharged after serving 3 months.

That sometime in the spring of 1779 he entered the service as a volunteer in Rockingham County Virginia in Captain Swearingen's company of Virginia militia, marched to and joined the Regular Army under the command of General Muhlenberg near Lancaster Pennsylvania & from this place was marched to head quarters near Brandywine and from this place he was marched to a place called Mud Fort on the Delaware River where he was discharged after serving a tower of duty of three months.

And that sometime in the latter part of the summer of 1781 he again entered the service in Rockingham County in the State of Virginia in what was called the lower Rockingham Regiment of Virginia militia or in the lower part of said County as a substitute for a man whose name he does not now recollect he was a man with whom he had no previous acquaintance for a three month tower of duty he was placed under Strange officers and does not recollect the names of his Company or field officers he was marched to Yorktown Virginia where the main Army then lay under the command of General Washington and that he remained there in the service until after the Surrender of the British Army under Cornwallis his services being then no longer needed he was discharged from the service after serving one month and some days over. He does declare that he did serve the three several towers of duty as aforesaid during the Revolutionary War

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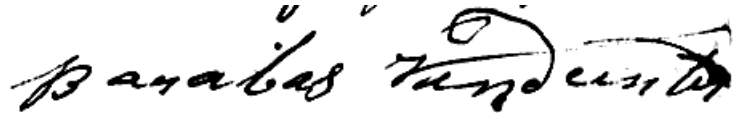
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making aggregately seven months actual service, thinks he had a written discharge but has lost it has no documentary evidence & knows of no person by whom he can prove his services. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State – he further says he has no Record of his age believes he was born on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1761 in Bucks County & State of Pennsylvania and that at the time he was called into service he lived in Rockingham County and State of Virginia and that he served in the militia of that State and since the Revolutionary war he resided in Greenbrier County Virginia and from that place he came to Preble County Ohio where he now resides & has resided for 14 years last past – and that he is known to Cornelius Vanausdal and Henry Monford in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Army of the Revolution.

Caps 12 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ J. C. Hawkins, Clerk

S/ Barnabas Vandevender

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barnabas Vandevender". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Barnabas Vandevender".

[Alexander Mitchell and John Silar gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p 10: On October 20, 1851 in Preble County Ohio, Elizabeth Vandevender, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Barnabas Vandevender, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$23.33 per annum; that she married him in Greenbrier County Virginia in the month of June 1789; that her husband died January 4, 1851 in Grant County Indiana and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p 12: On October 20th, 1851 in Preble County Ohio, Christian Syler, aged about 67, gave testimony that he knew the veteran and his wife prior to their marriage; that they were married at the affiant's house in Greenbrier County in the summer of 1798; that they lived together as husband and wife until the death of the veteran; that they raised a large family of children; he knew the oldest child Christian Vandevender was born in the latter part of the summer of 1799.]

[f p 17: On April 30, 1855 in grant County Indiana, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement. In this application she gives the information that she was Elizabeth Siler before her marriage.]

[f p 43: copy of the marriage record from the office of the clerk of court of Greenbrier County Virginia showing that Barnabus VanDevender and Elizabeth Siler were married by Joshua Osburn June 1st 1801.]

[f p. 57: Widow was still alive on July 22, 1869 when she filed a statement in which she gave her age as 97 years and stated that she was still a resident of grant County Indiana.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]