

Pension Application for Abraham Vandal

S.9496

State of Virginia

Fayette County SS.

On this 18th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Fayette now sitting Abraham Vandal a resident of said Fayette County and State of Virginia aged seventy five years on the 18th day of October last who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefits of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein sated.

He enlisted on or about the first day of March 1776 in the State troops of New York in the county of Orrange [Orange] of that state under Capt. John Weizner for the term of four months. All of which term he served. He was engaged in erecting for "Constitution" on Hudson River & preparing it for the defence under Col [blank] Livingston. But fought no battles during this time.

About the last of July 1776 he again inlisted [enlisted] in the State troops of New York for the term of five months under Capt William Blair, Col. Isaac Nichols and Genl Georg Clinton. He served during this term of enlistment his time expiring on New Years day of 1777. He resided in Orange County New York and was march[ed] to the City of New York where they joined Genl Washington's Army.

He was engaged in both the battles of Long Island and White Plains—and the division to which he belonged was called the reserve of Washington's army commanded immediately by Maj Genl Heath. After the battle of the Wahite Plains took place he was marched to the Peekskill and there discharged the company to which he belonged being reduced to the number of six from about fifty.

On or about the tenth day of January 1777 he volunteered for the term of four months under Capt John Wood & was attached to Col. McLaughlin's Regiment—He was one of what may be called a scouting party, guarding the Country from the depradation [depredation] of the British and Tories—His headquarters were at "English Neighborhood" but was frequently marched backwards and forwards from Hackensack to the "Liberty Pole" & other places to which the exigencies of the times called them. He served out his time of service, was in no battles of note but was in several skirmishes.

In the month of May 1777 he was classed as a Malitia [Militia] man and served every alternate month during the next succeeding summer & fall in guarding the Country of New York from the depradations of Indians, British, and Tories. This service was performed under Capts McCawley and Sheppard, Col Haythorn had the command of the Regiment to which he belonged. He was one of the garrison of Fort Montgomery at the time it was taken by the enemy but at that immediate time he was out upon a command. He served four months during the ballance [balance] of this year after his said classification.

In 1778 he was occupied as a soldier pretty much of the same kind of service as he had been in during the latter part of the proceeding year.

In the month of February he was one of the party who commenced the construction of west Point Fort where he as engaged six or eight weeks. He served during this year to the best of his knowledge four months.

About the last of September 1779 the Regiment to which he belonged commanded by Col Haythorn were called out in mass—and under the superior command of Lord Sterling. He belonged to Lord Sterlings army when Col. Baylor's Regt of horse were cut off but he was not a participator in that engagement. During this year he served (as he thinks) three months.

In the year 1780 he was engaged in a pretty much the same kind of service as he had been engaged during the two preceding years in guarding the Country from the Indians, British & Tories. He performed a great deal of drudgery and his service was Lienilar [linear?] in the year 1781 guarding baggage wagons & prisoners. How long he served during these two latter years he cannot certainly say from the indefinite periods for which he was called into the service. But he feels confident that he served during the war at different times as stated two years and six months. He received discharges from the service but they are lost or mislaid so that he cannot avail himself of them.

He knows of no documentary evidence of his service. He thinks he can produce some proof by a living witness. He never received any commission as an officer. He as born in Dutchess County New York on the 18th of October 1758. He has no record of his age now. He was living in orange County N. York when called into the service about 45 miles from N. York City and about 20 miles from the "Minisinks" where the Indians were hostile.

In the year 1783 he removed to Rockbridge County Va. He resided in Greenbrier County Va 12 or 14 years from which place he removed to the place where he now resides and has resided twenty one years. He is known to William Morris Esq, James Skaggs & Hiram Hill of his neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity and of the General Belief of his services in the Revolution there being no Clergyman in his neighbourhood.

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. (Signed) Abraham Vandal

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Hiram Hill Clk.