

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Sample R20429

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldier os the army of the revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828 I John Sample the state of Kentucky, in the county of Livingston, do herby declare, that I entered in the Continental line of the army of the revolution, during the war, and continued in its service until its termination, at which period I was a Sergeant, in Captain Walter Stewart's company, in the third Pennsylvania Regiment, and continued in it for one year (the time of my enlistment) at which time I was sent by Gen'l. Washington to Philadelphia with the sick, where I enlisted in the Philadelphia light horse company commanded by Lieut. Colo. Walter White, and the company in which I was, was commanded by Captain Charles Craig; that I continued in the light horse company untill Lieut Colo. Wm. Washington was appointed Lieut. Colonel of another regiment, either in the Maryland, or Virginia line [William Washington, appointed Lt. Col. of the 3rd Continental Regiment of Light Dragoons on 20 Nov 1778; see endnote], when I was ordered by Gen'l. Washington (at the instance of Lieut Colo Washington) to take charge of the waggons & baggage of Lieut Colo. Washingtons regiment, and continued in this service until I was taken sick, and I was sent to Philadelphia, and before I recovered and returned, Lieut. Colo. Washington was taken prisoner at the Eutaw Springs (in SC, 8 Sep 1781), and I never again saw him. That I then joined the army of Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene in South Carolina], and continued with him during the war. That I never did receive a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, but to which I was entitled under a resolve of congress passed the 15th May 1778 owing to the circumstance of Leiut Colo. Washington being taken prisoner And I further declare that I was not, on the 15th of March 1826 on the pension list of the United States.

I further declare that at the end of the war I never received a discharge, because my Commander, Lieut. Colo. Washington was then prisoner, and I was unable to get it, and Capt. Craig of the Light horse, under whom I first served, shortly afterwards killed himself, and from this I was also unable to obtain a discharge in the Pennsylvania regiment of light horse
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[7 July 1828]

War Depart./ Bounty land office

The records of this office do not shew that John Sample of the Virg'a. line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States

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NOTE: According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra (*A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution*), six troops in William Washington's regiment were from Virginia, and one troop was from Pennsylvania.