

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Samuel Pounds R8389

Sarah

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State of North Carolina Anson County: January Term 1851

Then appeared Samuel Pounds aged 50 years, a son of Samuel Pounds and Sarah Pounds Deceased, and after being duly sworn in open Court, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838, or Act 2nd of February 1848 in behalf of himself and his sister Elizabeth Pounds, the 2 surviving children of the aforesaid Samuel & Sarah Pounds Deceased (viz.) my Father was reputed and believed to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and had the scars on him received in Battles as I have often heard him say, he was born in Halifax County North Carolina, and when the war came on my Father turned out a volunteer and joined the American Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was at the Battle at Guilford Court House and served 6 months as a private in North Carolina, was at the Battle at the Cowpens, and the Briar Creek. I think it was their the Americans were defeated, and in retreating my Father with many others got their horses over some water course on a large log, some fell in the water and like to have got drowned. He was then a Dragoon. In the battle at Ninety Six he said the soldiers underwent great hardships he being nothing for 3 or 4 days but parched worn. He has said much about the skirmishes with the Indians and Tories in the State of Georgia, particularly in the battle at the siege of Augusta, I think it was there my Father got wounded in the shoulder, and that these sufferings were great. I believe it was at that siege, they did not sleep for 3 days and nights without their horses bridles over their arms. The Americans killed so many Indians it took the rails of a fence more than a mile long to burn them up. I have also heard him speak of a Fort made of raw hides they could move about, and of the Americans trying to undermine the town and blowup the British with powder. My father was taken a prisoner in some Battle in the State of Georgia and the British wanted him to promise them never to serve anymore against them but he either ran away from them, or was exchanged, and continued in the Army in the States of Georgia and South Carolina, to near or quite near the end of the war. He must have belonged to the light horse under General Greene or General Lincoln and most of those battles. I have heard him speak of other officers, but do not recollect their names. I believe he served one year and 6 months in the States of Georgia and South Carolina in actual service called out by authority of the United States. I have heard him say he had rather fight on a horse than any other way and that when a battle was coming home he felt a little bad but after the fighting commenced he did not mind it afterwards I was the 4th child my mother had according to the record kept by my Father of his children's ages, but the Bible kept for that purpose has been either destroyed, lost or mislaid so that it cannot be found. I have kept my own age as it was recorded and was born the 15 day of October A.D. 1800. My Father died the first day of April 1830 and my mother the 21 day of September

1847 leaving 2 children myself and Elizabeth Pounds

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Samuel Pounds

[fn p. 7: dated January 16, 1795 given in Anson County North Carolina by Samuel Pounds & William Wright to secure the marriage of Samuel Pounds to Sarah Rovey [? could be Rorey]