

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sampson R9163

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State of Virginia County of Westmoreland: SS

On this 14th day of July 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Sampson, a resident of the aforesaid County, aged about seventy-five years, 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 James Sampson who was a private in the Army of the Revolution, that she does not know anything of her own knowledge of her husband's service, but that she frequently heard him say during his lifetime, that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and that he enlisted for three years at Caroline old Court House, in the State of Virginia and served his time out. She further states, that she often heard her husband, the said Sampson say that he was in service with the following named persons, namely – John Clift, Benjamin Raymond – & one Self who enlisted at or near the same time that he did; That she does not know nor does she recollect to have heard him say at what time he entered the service, nor the period when he left the same, nor does she recollect any of the names of the officers under whom he stated that he served, except the name of Thornton which was the name of the officer under whom he served or by whom he was enlisted, she does not know which, she further states, that she does not recollect to have heard her husband speak of being engaged in but one Battle, and the time and place of that she does not now remember; but distinctly recollects to have heard him say that he was engaged in one battle – in which there were a great many men killed – She further states that her husband was a resident of the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia, when he entered the service. That she has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does she know of anyone now alive who can prove his service. She further declares that she was married to the said James Sampson in the County of Caroline aforesaid on the 8th day of September in the year 1790 and that her husband the aforesaid Sampson died on the 15th day of January 1824; That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794, viz.: at the time above stated.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year above written before me.

S/ W. G. Walker, JP

S/ Mary Sampson, X her mark

[f p. 7: Thomas Sampson son of James Sampson gave testimony on July 14, 1840, that his father died January 15, 1824.

Thomas Sampson

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[f p. 9: John Stevens gave testimony on August 14, 1843 in Caroline County Virginia, that he is 71 years old, that he was well acquainted with James Sampson who married his sister Mary Stevens; that they were married several years before the deponent was married and he has been more married more than 51 years; he thinks that the veteran and his wife had one child and maybe to prior to the time that the deponent was married.

John Stevens

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[f p. 18]

I do hereby certify that at the Commencement of the War (Commonly called the Revolutionary War) James Sampson of Caroline County Virginia enlisted as a soldier for three years under John Thornton who was a Captain in the Army & was known by the common name of Captain Jack Thornton that the said Sampson enlisted at the commencement of the Revolution, at Caroline old Court House, that he went into service & was a soldier during the span of three years and af[ter] the time expired returned home, that the lady who now applies for this Certificate (Mary Sampson is my sister and is the widow of said James Sampson) that I heard [one or more indecipherable words] persons of those days say that they were in service with said James Sampson during the time stated above.

Given under my hand the 14th day of October 1840

S/ Elizabeth McKinney, X her mark