

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Sams<sup>1</sup> R9167

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Know all men by these presents that I Orra Foster hereby constitute and appoint George C Ames my true & Lawful Agent, and attorney to prosecute the Claim of Captain Edmund Sams for any amount of Revolutionary Pension or increase of Pension that may be due and I hereby authorize my said Agent to Examine all the papers & Documents in relation to said Claim on file in the Department at Washington City or elsewhere to file additional evidences or arguments and to Receive the Certificate which may be issued for said Claim payable to Orra Foster and Edmund Sams the Only Children of said Claimant now known to be living and appoint one or more substitutes under him for the purposes therein expressed and to do all things that I might or could do were I personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said Attorney and Agent shall Lawfully do in the premises. Witness my hand and Seal this 29<sup>th</sup> December A.D. 1851

S/ Orra Foster, X {Seal}

State of North Carolina Buncombe County

Be it known that on this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 1851 before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Personally appeared Orra Foster a resident of Buncombe County and made oath according to Law that she is the Daughter of the Claimant Captain Edmund Sams late of the County and State aforesaid who was a Revolutionary Officer of the United states and applied for a pension under the Act of the 7<sup>th</sup> June A.D. 1832,<sup>2</sup> and that she has been informed that the said Pension ought to be allowed that she is directly interested as a Claimant in said Pension and makes this affidavit to be filed with such additional evidence or arguments as my agent may use in prosecuting this Claim

S/ Orra Foster, X {Seal}

State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions December Term 1851

I Robert B Vance Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Buncombe & State of North Carolina do hereby certify that satisfactory evidence was

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<sup>1</sup> J. D. Lewis lists this officer as having served as a militia officer from Surry County North Carolina from 1779 to 1782 under the command of Colonel Joseph Williams. In 1782, he moved to Washington County and served as a Captain under Colonel John Sevier mostly stationed at Fort Sevier. He the dissipated in the Cherokee Expedition of 1782. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc\\_patriot\\_military\\_captains.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_captains.html)

<sup>2</sup> There is no evidence in this file that Edmund Sams ever did file for a pension under the federal pension laws.

shown to said Court that Captain Edmund Sams a reputed Officer of the Revolutionary War died on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July A.D. 1845 Leaving no widow but the following named Children to wit Orra Foster & Edmund Sams who are the only Children of the aforesaid Captain Edmund Sams now known to be living.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribe my name and affixed the seal of said Court at office in Asheville 29<sup>th</sup> Day of December A.D. 1851

S/ R. B. Vance, Clk.