

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sanders R9179

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State of Georgia County of Madison: Court of Ordinary October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1832 Adjourned term

On this twenty Second day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before James Anderson, Noah W Pittman and James Long Justices of the Inferior Court now sitting as a Court of Ordinary James Sanders, resident of Captain Sar's [?] Company District of Georgia Militia in the County of Madison and State of Georgia aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein Stated to wit he was drafted in the year 1778 or 1779 to serve a three months tour, his father hired a man who took his place and performed said Service, he afterwards entered as a volunteer in pursuit of the Tories in June 1780 himself and a few others started in pursuit of the Tories and followed them in Rowan County North Carolina he joined the considerable number of volunteers and became organized – he was attached to Captain Reed's Company. Shortly after Major Lewis a continental officer took the command of said Troops then within a few miles of a large number of Tories – the Tories for some cause fled, he was then marched with said Troops in pursuit until coming near Cornwallis' army when it was considered Imprudent to march further – this command then returned to their homes – himself with others as soon they returned joined Lieutenant John Blalock as Rangers for the purpose of pursuing the Tories and also what was called the delinquents – men who had been Outlying and Deserters it was understood that the of one of those would relieve a man from a tour of duty these men when taken and given up to a Continental Officer at Salisbury – they were to be considered as soldiers during the war – and received certificate for such – which Certificates were placed in the hands of Colonel William T Lewis but what has become of them since he does not know – he went with others to Salem in North Carolina and there Joined some troops from Virginia and remained as Rangers for taking the Tories and protecting the Country from Cornwallis marched through North Carolina – this Applicant joined General Pickens [Andrew Pickens'] army and pursued Cornwallis to near the Virginia line when a party was detached (of which he was one) to return for the protection of the Country against the Tories &c which duty he was performing as County Ranger under the command of Lieutenant John Blalock until the treaty of peace in 1783 <sup>in which</sup> service furnished his own horse – he was sick at the time of the battle of Shallow Ford [October 14, 1780] on Adkin [Yadkin River] and Guilford Courthouse – he has no documentary evidence – and he knows of no evidence he can procure who can testify to his Services. In answer to the

Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and propounded by the Court he answereth as follows, to wit

Answer to first Interrogatory – he was born the 18<sup>h</sup> of March 1762 in Johnston County now Wake County North Carolina.

Answer to Second Interrogatory – he has a record of his age at his own house

Answer to third Interrogatory – he was living in Surrey County North Carolina when called into Service – he resided in said County until about 1784 when he removed to Wilkes County Georgia where he resided until Oglethorpe County was formed – when Madison County was formed it included him in the bounds where he now resides.

Answer to fourth Interrogatory – he was a Volunteer

Answer to fifth Interrogatory – Major Lewis was a continental Officer – he recollects of no other regular Officer – the General Circumstances are already in his declaration.

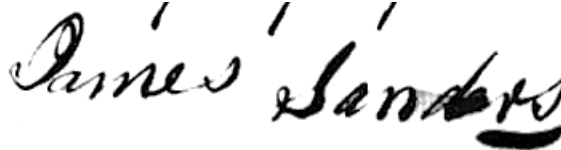
Answer to Sixth Interrogatory – he never received a discharge.

Answer to Seventh Interrogatory – he refers to William Hodge – Anthony Bullock – Edward Ware – James Pittman, Nathan Merony – James Griffith &c.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity accept the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Sanders



[Benjamin Brown, a clergyman, and Archer Norris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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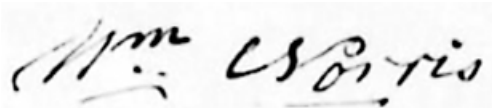
Georgia Harris County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County William Norris<sup>1</sup> and after being duly sworn answers to the following questions, first did you know James Sanders in the Revolutionary war: he answers I did know James Sanders in the Revolutionary war (Second) did you know him as a soldier in that war he answers I did know him as a soldier as I was Frequently with him (thirdly) say where & what you know about it to the best of your recollection he Sanders entered as a volunteer as well as I recollect in Captain Samuel Reed's Company and served a Tour against the Tories the Time I don't recollect from old age and loss of memory and to my knowledge he served in other detachments, one Tour under Lieutenant Blalock as a company of Rangers but I don't recollect how long also a Tour with Captain Gibson Wooldridge but I don't recollect how long he also served at other times but I don't recollect the particulars.

Sworn to & subscribed this 12<sup>th</sup> September 1833

S/ James Ramsey, JP

S/ Wm Norris



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<sup>1</sup> [William Norris R7702](#)

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Georgia Madison County: Amended Declaration of James Sanders Vizt.

Personally appeared before me the Undersigned a Justice of the Inferior Court of said County, James Sanders who being duly sworn on oath saith that since making the annexed declaration this Deponent hath found out and obtained the affidavit of William Norris hereto also annexed which although said witness cannot State positively that this Deponent did perform the Services as stated in his Declaration yet he states that he performed Services – this Deponent prays that this Affidavit may be taken as part of the Amended Declaration – he knows of no other person living by which he can establish his Services – in the first Declaration this Deponent stated that he served a tour of three months by Substitute in 1778 or 1779 – which may possibly not come under the act of Congress of Seventh June 1832.

In June 1780 he entered as a Volunteer in pursuit of the Tories and here it may be proper to State the Situation of this Deponent – at the time last stated Deponent was living in Captain Gibson Wooldridge's Company District in Surry County North Carolina in the bounds of said Company District there was about sixty-four Tories which went and joined the British – and but few Whigs in said District which were true to the American cause this Deponent being one of the few who bore arms in defense of his Country (and the Tories so numerous) could not remain at home peacefully and was therefore compelled for his own Security to be Continually with some part of the American Army – but his Services were principally confined to the protection of the Frontiers – but always after being attached to Captain Reed's Company in June 1780 – he was Continually under some Officer of the American Army who were and in body Corps under Competent authority – and that he was Continually engaged in the field in that kind of Service which he has already Stated in his declaration – and the reason of his not being able to State his Services in any other way is upon the account of his being compelled to remain with some part of the Army Continually or be murdered by the Tories if he remained at home – which was the cause of his being in Continual Service – to wit that of preserving his life from the Tories – in his declaration he has Stated that a Considerable part of his Services were performed as Troops called Rangers – By way of explanation he would State – that the Tories (the Country in that part being almost filled with such[ ]) – would frequently return after Joining the British – and murder the Whigs – plunder and carry off everything of value that came in their way – that these Troops called Rangers were principally embodied for the purpose of protecting the Frontiers from such ravages – when there was not a Sufficient Army in that Section of the Country for the purpose of engaging the British these Rangers furnished their own horses and endeavored to protect that part of the Country from the ravages of the Tories until such time as a Division of the American Army came in reach when they never failed to Join said Army and continue with the Same until ordered back for the protection as aforesaid – and although this Body of Rangers took and delivered up to the proper Authorities a Number of Deserters – yet this Deponent received no advantage from the Same – being Compelled as before stated to remain with some part of the American Army the whole of his time from entering in June 1780 until the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

From Consequent loss of memory on account of old age he cannot be more particular in his Statement but considers he Served Considerably upwards of two years – but can safely say he served two years for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833

S/ James Long, JIC

S/ James Sanders

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State of Georgia Madison County: Amended Declaration of James Sanders Esquire January 1845  
Special Inferior Court

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 1845 personally appeared before the Honorable the Inferior Court held in and for said County the same being a Court of Record James Sanders a resident of said County and State aged Eighty-two years past who being duly sworn according to law makes the following Amendatory Declaration in order to explain and specify more definitely his term of servitude. That this Deponent has recently found out and obtained the affidavit of Mrs. Charity Ward which is hereto annexed which although said witness cannot give a narrative of Deponent's services but testifies that Deponent volunteered in June 1780 and served three months as she has been informed and believes under Captain Reed and returned home in September making three months and secondly that Deponent volunteered on first of October 1780 and served under Lieutenant John Blalock a County Ranger until peace was made having no other occupation but that Deponent was Continually in service Deponent prays that this affidavit may be taken as part of the amended Declaration he knows of no other person living by whom he can establish his Services. In the first Declaration Deponent stated that in June 1780 he volunteered in Surry County him and a few others and started in pursuit of the Tories and followed them in Rowan County North Carolina where he Joined a Considerable number of volunteers and became organized – here he would State by way of explanation that Deponent joined Captain Reed's Company on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1784 83 months Tour – that Captain Reed's Company was a company of volunteers called out by proper authority and was organized [indecipherable word] before Deponent attached himself to that Company. Deponent joined in this with said Company and served faithfully as stated in first declaration until his term of service expired to wit on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 1780 when he was honorably discharged from said Tour of duty and returned home (that Deponent never received a written discharge – as he Recollects of if so it was considered worthless and thrown away or lost) Deponent further stated in his first declaration that so soon as he returned home from the before named Tour of duty himself and others joined Lieutenant John Blalock as Rangers for the purpose of pursuing the Tories and delinquents and afterwards went to Salem in North Carolina and there joined troops from Virginia and remained as Rangers for taking the Tories and protecting the Country when Cornwallis marched through North Carolina Deponent joined General Pickens Army and pursued Cornwallis to near the Virginia line where a party was detached of which Deponent was one to return for the protection of the Country against the Tories & which duty Deponent [word obliterated and illegible] and was performing as County Ranger under the Command of Lieutenant John Blalock until the Treaty of Peace in 1783. Here Deponent states by way of explanation that Deponent volunteered under Lieutenant John Blalock in Captain Gibson Wooldridge's Company of Corps called County Rangers (as before explained in Deponent's first Amended Declaration) and entered the service on the first day of October 1780 as private of horse company under Lieutenant Blalock and was immediately under his command until peace was made in 1783. And was Continually in service as stated in his first declaration from the causes more fully explained in his first amended Declaration until peace was made that Lieutenant Blalock's company of horse was raised for the express purpose of guarding the settlements and Frontiers from the ravages of the Tories and British and when a Division of the American Army approached near their bounds Captain [sic] Blalock's Company never failed to join them and continued with them until ordered back as more fully described in Deponent's first Amended Declaration Consequently as Deponent was Continually in-service from first of October 1780 until peace was made in 1783

under the immediate Command of Lieutenant John Blalock at the said Company was attaching itself frequently to some arm of the American Army Deponent considers it was all the same tour of duty as he was a Standing volunteer and was Continually in service having no other Civil pursuit or occupation only that of serving his Country that he served as private of Infantry from the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1782 24 September 1780 under Captain Reed and Major Lewis and from the first day of October 1780 until peace was made in 1783 as private of Cavalry under Lieutenant John Blalock and Captain Woolridge's Company County Rangers. Deponent cannot be more definite, old age and consequent loss of memory but considers he Served considerably upwards of 2 years but can safely say he served not less than 2 years for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court the day and date first above written

S/ James Long, JIC

S/ James Sanders

*James Sanders*

[p 3: family record]

Births	
James Sanders March 18 <sup>th</sup> 1762	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>BIRTHS.</b></p> <p><i>James Sanders</i> <i>March 18<sup>th</sup> 1762 . -</i></p> </div>
Elizabeth his Wife Feby 18 <sup>th</sup> 1754	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>Elizabeth his Wife</i> <i>Feby 18<sup>th</sup> 1754 . -</i></p> </div>
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Elizabeth Sanders September 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1789	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>Elizabeth Sanders</i> <i>September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1789 . -</i></p> </div>
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