

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sanders R9184

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State of Kentucky Mercer County: SS

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1836 personally appeared in Open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Mercer County Court and State of Kentucky William Sanders aged eighty-two years who being first duly sworn as the Law requires doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated – That in the year 1780-81 or a part of his service in 1780 & part in 1781, he does not precisely Recollect the time in which the services were performed he was drafted both tours of three months each under Captain Riddle<sup>1</sup> and Joined the main southern Army then under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene], his first Tour was before the Battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781], he was drafted from the County of Nash, State of North Carolina, to serve a Tour of 3 months and marched under Captain Riddle and Joined General Greens [Army]. Served 3 months, marched back and was discharged by the said Captain Riddle. Some short time before the Battle of Guilford C. H. He was drafted the second time to serve a Tour of 3 months he again marched under Captain Riddle and joined the main Army near Guilford CH but a short time before the Battle was fought, was in the said Battle of Guilford, where he was wounded a musket ball passing nearly through his knee, which rendered him unfit for service for some time, after serving his full Tour of 3 months he was discharged at Guilford Courthouse by Captain Riddle having served 6 months in all faithfully, Recollects General Green Distinctly was attached to 2 different Regiments, one of them the 8<sup>th</sup> cannot now recollect the Number of [the] other, was under General Green during both tours is Discharges were regular, he does not know what has become of them, had no idea they would ever be of any service to him, he solemnly swears that he served as faithfully in the lines for six months during the Revolutionary War as any other soldier, during which time they were marched & countermarched through the states of North & South Carolina our Principal station at Guilford CH and Camden, he has no documentary evidence of his Service, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service. The reason why he did not make an earlier application was, that the amount due him would be small and he did not stand in need of the money, and now not driven to it from necessity. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity accept the present and declares that his name is not on the

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<sup>1</sup> The only Captain Riddle I could find who served in NC was Captain John Riddle of Chatham County, NC. It is unlikely that a resident of Nash County NC would have served in a militia unit commanded by an officer from Chatham County, NC.

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Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Sanders, X his mark

[Martin C Duncan, a clergyman, and James Lillard Esquire gave the standard supporting affidavit.]