

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sanford R9193

Esther

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State of Georgia County of Lumpkin: SS

On this 10th day of June A.D. 1853 personally appeared in open court before the court of Ordinary holden at Dahlonga in and for said County Esther Sanford a resident of Gilmer County in the aforesaid State of Georgia, aged seventy 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 2nd section of an act of Congress entitled "an act to continue half pay to certain widows & orphans," approved February 3rd, 1853, that she is the widow of James Sanford, who was a Revolutionary pensioner, 1st pensioned by the State of South Carolina, about the year 1830, at the rate of \$60 per annum; that he resided in Pendleton District, in the aforesaid State of South Carolina, when he was pensioned, by that State; that he afterwards withdrew his claim, against said State, and applied to the United States, in the year 1834; and his pension was then paid by the United States, as long as he lived. She further declares, that she became acquainted with her late husband, the aforesaid James Sanford, long after the war of the revolution, and cannot therefore, set forth his services; she thinks he went from Virginia and was in the battle at Stono [June 20, 1779], she further declares that she has made diligent search and inquiry after his pension certificate, and has been unable to find it. She further declares that she was married to the said James Sanford, on the 1st day of October in the year 1826, that her husband, the aforesaid James Sanford, died on the 5th day of March A.D. 1838; that she has no family record nor does she know of any public record of her said marriage. That she was not married to him prior to 1800, but the marriage took place at the time above mentioned. She further declares that the reason she makes this application in Lumpkin and not in Gilmer County is because she finds it easier to procure an agent in Lumpkin County and she does in Gilmer, and because her witnesses live in Lumpkin. That she has not since married, but is still the widow of said James Sanford.

S/ Esther Sanford, X her mark

[f p. 4: On January 11, 1855 in Pickens County Georgia, Matthias Talley, 54, gave testimony that James Stanford was a pensioner of the state of South Carolina at the rate of \$60 per annum as of 1830; that he, deponent, acted as agent for James Sanford and taking the testimony and proof necessary to satisfy the legislature of South Carolina that James Sanford served 12 months in the military during the revolution.

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[f p. 8: testimony by Stephen Hyde that James Sanford and Esther Brooks were married in

Pendleton District state of South Carolina October 1, 1826 by one Francis Jenkins, JP.]

[Note: This file does not contain the application, if any, the veteran may have filed with the state of South Carolina to obtain a pension there.]