

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Saunders (Sanders) R9216 Mary

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State of Kentucky Bullitt County to wit

On this 7th day of January 1846 personally appeared before me, David L Brooks a Justice of the Peace (Magistrate) in the County of Bullitt & State of Kentucky, Mary Sanders a resident of Bullitt County Kentucky aged eighty-seven years on the 5th day of December last – who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions 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 Thomas Sanders deceased that said Thomas Sanders entered the service of the United States in the Army of the Revolution as a private (and she has understood he served afterwards as corporal) in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia on the ___ day of __ in 1776 – or about that time – she thinks in Captain __ Harrison's company under Colonel __ Temple in a horse Company or Regiment – and that she believes he served in the Army of the revolution Continental service two or three years – she cannot say certainly but believes it was three years or nearly so, she cannot say what battles he was in – He is believed to have served in the Light horse – She is getting old and does not now recollect the nature of his service. She refers to the rolls from Virginia & at the war department for the nature and length of his service – she confidently believes his name is registered on the Rolls of the Revolutionary Army and the length & nature of service is there given. She does not know anyone now living by whom she could prove his service – She states that if Joseph Saunders¹ was living (who was an officer a Lieutenant [she] believes, she could prove the service by him. He was a pensioner). She cannot state the time he left the Service – not now recollect the dates from old age & Infirmary on this subject – She does not know whether he was drafted or was a volunteer – or substitute – She states she has been informed and believes the name of her husband is enrolled on the War Department roll [?] shew his Services (from Virginia) that the said Thomas Sanders died in Bullitt County Kentucky on the 3rd January 1832. She further states that she was married to the said Thomas Sanders on the 2nd day of June 1785 by Robert Sanders of Fauquier County Virginia – and that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Sanders deceased as aforesaid on the 3 January 1832. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place as aforesaid previous to the 1st of January 1794. She states the family Bible here sent contains the Record of the marriage & death of the parties aforesaid – that the same has remained in my possession since it was wrote – and I know the record of the facts of the marriages & debts as therein named are true – She does not now recollect in whose hand write [handwriting] the said marriage record is in – someone of the older family relatives – she states she is wholly unable from old age & infirmity to attend Court

¹ Probably the same man as Joseph Saunders FPA S11347, transcribed and posted in this database 1/13/12

to make this affidavit.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written by Mary Sanders before me a Justice of the Peace of said County & State

S/ D. L. Brooks, JPBC

S/ Mary Saunders, X her mark

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Marriages

Thomas Saunders & Mary Rogers were married on the 2nd day of June 1785

George Sanders and Elizabeth Hansbroug [sic] were married the 20th day of April 1814

Abner Gore and Sally Saunders were married on the 11th of February 1821

Joseph Saunders and Susan W Summers were married on the 29th day of March 1821

A. Gore and Harriet Sanders were married December the 21 1835

Births

Harriet Saunders daughter of Thomas Saunders Mary his wife was born the 13th day of May 1787

John Winal Saunders son of Thomas and Mary Saunders was born the 28th [could be 20th] day of February 1789

George Saunders Senior was born the 12th day of December 1790

Joseph Saunders was born the 28th day of March 1793

Sally Saunders was born the 8th day of August 1795

Thomas Sanders was born July 22nd 1752

Mary Sanders was born December 5th 1758

Deaths

George Sanders departed this life October 13th 1822 in the 32nd year of his age after an illness of 5 weeks of the Bilious or Tyfer fever

Elizabeth Sanders wife of George Sanders departed this life April 23 1836 [last digit unclear could be 1830]

Thomas Sanders departed this life January 3rd 1832

Sally Gore departed this life November 14th 1834 after [one or more indecipherable words, too faint to discern] 6 weeks of Consumption

married James Sanders departed this life May 13th 1836]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 16th day of April 1785, in the name of Thomas Saunders as a Soldier of Infantry for £49.19.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
3rd day of February 1846.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Other facts in file: On March 30, 1852, John T Sanders aged 33, oldest child of his father whose name he does not give, stated that his grandmother Mary Sanders deceased left only 3 children surviving her, John W Sanders, Joseph Sanders and Harriet Gore of home only Joseph and

Harriet were still alive at the time he gave his affidavit.]