

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Sampson (Samson) R9597

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State of Tennessee Smith County: On this 2 day of September 1832 personally appeared before me Exum Whitley one of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid Francis Sampson a resident of said County, aged about 87 [could be 85¹] 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers, and served as herein after stated.

In the year 1777 or thereabouts, he enlisted for the term of 18 months in the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia he was attached to the Company of Captain Reuben Barksdale in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Read he served in said Regiment for the term of three months when he hired a substitute in his stead, for which he paid the sum of \$300. The name of his substitute, not recollected.

Afterwards he volunteered in the same State and County for the tour of 3 months, joined the Company of Captain John Clayton in the Regiment commanded by Colonel not recollected and in the Brigade commanded by General Lawson. He served about seven weeks, when he was discharged: but has lost his discharge. He never received one cent of wages in either case for his services. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State or territory of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Exum Whitley, JP

S/ Francis Samson, X his mark

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born November 27 day 1747

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age, if so where is it?

Ans. None

Question 3. Where were you living when called into service. Charlotte County where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live.

Ans. Some years in the state of Virginia Charlotte County and others in the same state until about 23 years ago I moved to Tennessee Smith County where I have resided ever since and now reside

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reflect that the veteran was asked or answered questions 4-6. It is possible the court did not ask those questions since the veteran addressed those issues in his declaration.]

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution Refer to John Ligin, Turner Wilkinson, Daniel Wilkinson & Exum quickly Esquire [William P. Hughes and John Harper, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]