

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sanders (Saunders) S15974

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State of Virginia County of Louisa: Sct.

On this the 7th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Louisa of the State of Virginia William Saunders aged seventy-two a resident of the County of Louisa in the State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 1832.

That he served in the militia several tours of duty during the War of the Revolution from the City of Richmond amounting in all to seven months; the first tour he was commanded by Lieutenant William Richardson & Lieutenant Daniel Vandeval – Major Dick commanded the whole detachment. That his service commenced when Arnold [Benedict Arnold] invaded the State and continued about two months and a half when he was discharged. During this tour he marched from Richmond to Malvern Hills from thence to Westover and Williamsburg and was there transferred from Colonel Nicholas' Regiment to Colonel Innis'. Major Dick was in the regular Army and ceased to command the detachment when we joined Colonel Nicholas. The 2nd tour was when General Philips [William Phillips] invaded the State his Captain in this tour was Stokely Towles, Joseph Mosby was Lieutenant he does not recollect the Ensign's name. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel John Pleasants and Major Miles Selden. We marched to Malvern Hills and were driven from their by Lord Cornwallis and retreated through Hanover & Caroline and Culpeper [Counties] until we met General Wayne, we had been commanded previously by General Muhlenberg at Petersburg and afterwards by General Lafayette. From Culpeper we marched to Charlottesville, where we understood the enemy was, at this time my service ended and I entered the service again as a volunteer forthwith under Captain Richard Phillips in Colonel Oliver Towles Regiment. We halted at Monchunk Creek [Mechunk Creek] being informed that the British were retreating we pursued and endeavored to get in the rear before they could reach Richmond, but were not able to overtake them until we reached Bottoms Bridge where the advance of our Army engaged the rear guard of the enemy. Previous to arriving at Bottoms Bridge Colonel Towles left the Regiment and Colonel Charles Dabney took command of it. I was in service this tour between four and five months. From Bottoms Bridge we marched still pursuing the enemy through New Kent and James City where we had a pretty severe brush with the enemy at a place called Hot Order. Some few days after there was another engagement near James Town previous to the enemy's crossing the River (James River). Shortly after this our Army returned to Malvern Hills from whence we marched to Williamsburg but before we got there, the relief came and our company was discharged having served our tour. During my service I was in two engagements – personally, at Hot Water [Spencer's Tavern, June 26, 1781] , and near James Town [may be referring to the engagement at Jamestown Ford, July 6,

1781], the Army had several others although I was not engaged in them, that is with actual fight. He has no documentary evidence and no witness, has no record of his age, refers to Anderson bowls and Thomas Anderson has lived in Goochland and Louisa counties now lives in Louisa.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Sanders



[Anderson Bowles & Thomas Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit].

State of Virginia Louisa County: SS

Be it known that on this 13th day of January 1834 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the justices of the peace in and for the said County William Sanders [sic], a resident of the County aforesaid and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7 of June 1832. That in the first tour mentioned in his former declaration he served at least 2 1/2 months – That in the second tour therein set forth he served at least 2 months, and that in the third and last tour therein mentioned, he served at least 2 1/2 months in each tour as private –

To Question 1st he replies – In the County of Hanover Virginia 7th of November 1760 [could be 1761]

To Question 2nd – I have no record of my age

To Question 3rd – When called into service I lived in the City of Richmond, since the War I have lived mainly in the County of Goochland and the last 2 years in Louisa County

To Question 4th – In my first two tours I was drafted in my last I volunteered –

To Question 5th – The answers to this Question is contained in my former declaration.

To question 6th – I received three discharges, the first signed by Lieutenant Richardson and countersigned by Colonel Innis – the second signed by Toles [sic] countersigned by Colonel Toles [sic] – the third signed by Captain Phillips and countersigned by Colonel Dabney but I have lost them, never having considered them of any value.

To question 7 Anderson Bowles & Thomas Sanderson

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ James Poindexter, JP

S/ Wm Sanders

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]