

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sanders S16521

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State of Kentucky Owen County Sct.

On this 3rd day of September 18 32 personally appeared in open Court before us Peter Sanders, James H Sanders, N. M. Baron and Jacob Smith Justices of the peace forming the County Court for the County of Owen now sitting John Sanders a resident of the County of Owen and State of Kentucky aged 81 years, who being of lawful age and 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States as a revolutionary Soldier in the month of September 1778 in the State of Virginia, Barclay County [Berkeley County], under Ephraim Wethington [probably Ephraim Worthington], as a militia soldier for between 4 & 6 months, that he was as aforesaid in the Company of Captain Wethington, Major W. Hight, Colonel John Morrow commanded the Regiment to which I belonged, the number of the Regiment not recollected, that he rendezvoused at Martinsburg, Virginia about 8 miles of Shepherdstown that he marched under the Command of Colonel John Morrow to York River, a Creek that puts into Monongahela River from thence he marched to Fort McIntosh situated on the Ohio River about 70 miles below Pittsburg, that there he joined General McIntosh who commanded the Brigade, that he with all the [indecipherable interlineation] that were there helped to finish Fort McIntosh that General McIntosh the Brigadier General commanded, Colonel Broadhead's Regiment which was the 8th or 9th he thinks Regiment of the Virginia Regulars, that Colonel Gipson [Gibson] commanded the 8th or 9th Regiment of the Pennsylvania regulars, that at Fort McIntosh there was other Regiments of militia [text compromised and indecipherable] that to which I belonged, but I cannot recollect them, that from this Fort the whole Brigade commanded by General McIntosh marched to Tuskerouey [Tuscarawas River] where the Brigade built a Fort named Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens], that he was after having finished said forts on half allowance, he was there discharged by General McIntosh and they finished, from home, that he [indecipherable word or words] at home about Christmas, that in this Tour his Luit [Lieutenant] was Evans the Ensign, George Night, Carr was the adjutant, [indecipherable interlineation] was the Quarter Master to the Regiment.

That he remained at home until 1781 when he entered the Service as a militia drafted Soldier in the State of Virginia Barckley County under Captain McIntire for the Term of between 3 and 6 months, that he was as aforesaid during this Tour commanded by Captain McIntire, Major Scott Colonel William Dark that he rendezvoused at Shepherdstown Barkley County Virginia, that from thence they marched to the Siege of York. I recollect that Colonel

Meriwether [Thomas Meriwether] commanded a militia Regiment, other than the one in which I belonged he recollects General Lafayette, command many of the regulars at York the Yankee Troops, the way I knew him his horse had net work [?? knot work?] on him. I recollect, General Stutrand [? Steuben?] who commanded the regulars was a rough looking men, General Anthony Wayne was there commanded a troop of regulars I recollect General Stephens [Edward Stevens] a militia General I recollect General Morgan was there and commanded the regulars, he was at old York Town when 7000 French landed, about 2 weeks before the siege he having been sent there to furnish them with flour, that in his company my Lieutenant was Thornberry [possibly Thomas Thornberry], my Ensign was Will Carney, George Budinger was our adjutant, who now lives at the blue licks in Kentucky or did a few years ago and kept a Tavern, that he of course recollects General Washington having seen him once. That on the 1st Tour of his duty he recollects that on the March from Fort McIntosh 2 Fort Lawrence through the following Timber he recollects that 2 men were killed Lieutenant Sparks and Taff Ross, two regulars were killed by the Indians, with a deer [?] apiece.

That he has no documentary evidence by which to prove the above services, that he knows of no witness except his Brother Thomas Sanders of Indiana by whom he would be enabled to prove the aforesaid Service and he is living a great distance off, and in formal affidavit of his is herewith attached¹, that he knows of one Mr. Hardin who saw all the two men killed above alluded to and he will take his affidavit as to that fact.²

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State in the Union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Sanders



Questions put by the Court to the applicant

Where, and when were you born

Ans I was born in the State of Maryland, near Queen Anne's Bridge, I was born in the year 1751 April 14th

Have you any record of your age and, if so, where is it

Ans I had a record of my age and have lost it but recollect enough of it to know I am now 81 years of age.

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolution and where do you now live

Ans When I was called into service I lived in the State of Virginia Barklay County Since the revolution I lived at Wheelon Va [Wheeling Virginia ?] 6 years In Scott County Kentucky I lived 2 or 3 years, I have lived for 31 years where I now live & now [live in] Owen County

How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if so for whom

Ans I was a substitute the first Tour for Jacob Miller, the second Tour of near six months, I was drafted

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such

¹ There is no such affidavit in this file as posted on Fold3.

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Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service,

Ans In the 1st Tour I was commanded by Colonel Morrow; that when I got to Fort McIntosh I recollect Colonel Broadhead a regular officer of Virginia, and Colonel Gipson a regular officer of Pennsylvania, and General McIntosh the Commander in Chief.

In the second Tour of duty I recollect General Lafayette a regular officer, General Morgan, General Wayne, General Washington Comdts [commandants] of the regulars. I recollect General Stephens ~~and General Stuband~~ of the Militia and Stuband of the Regulars. In all my service as substitute or otherwise I received no pay except Continental money.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans I received a discharge from Captain Worthington for the first tour, and from Captain McIntire for the second, that I have worn them out by moving, and traveling about,

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, who can speak as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. I state the names of William Threlkeld, Henry Giles & Wm H. Smither [Thomas Paslay, a clergyman, William Threlkeld, H. Giles and Wm Smither gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[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.]