

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sampson S17067

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State of Indiana Harrison County Harrison Circuit Court: SS

On this 1st day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable John F Ross President Judge of the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid, in the second Judicial Circuit for said state, & Cravin Lynn & Moses Boone Esquires his Associates, now sitting, William Sampson a resident of Franklin Township in the County of Harrison and State aforesaid aged 70 years, who being 1st 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he served in the revolutionary war, eight months as follows to wit: the first tour of two months under the command [of] Colonel Taylor [Francis Taylor] of Virginia as a volunteer, at Albemarle Barracks in the State of Virginia and were employed in guarding prisoners, who were called Burgoyne's Prisoners; that when he entered this term of service he resided in Culpeper County Virginia and marched from Culpeper Courthouse to Albemarle Barracks. His Captain's name was Fisher Rice, that this service was rendered in the spring of the year 1779 as near as he can recollect – that he cannot state neither the day of entering nor of leaving the service at this time – that he served his second tour of two months as a substitute in April & May 1780, but cannot state the precise day of entering & [word obliterated] said term of service – that he entered said service at Culpeper County aforesaid at which he still resided that he was marched from Culpeper Courthouse aforesaid to Fredericksburg, thence to Bowling Green, thence to Norfolk under the command of Colonel Robert Slaughter. His Captain's name on said tour was Benjamin Lillard, his Lieutenant's name was John Triplett; that at the expiration of this last mentioned tour of two months he was drafted into the service for four months and served under Continental officers to wit Colonel Dick and Major Boyce and in the rifle infantry in the company commanded by Captain Elijah Kirtley and Lieutenant Simcoe Bluford [?]<sup>1</sup>; that he does not recollect at what place he entered on said last mentioned service except that it was in the lower part of Virginia between Richmond & Fredericksburg. He says the rifle infantry above named were taken from the militia regiments whose time had expired and placed under the command of the above named officers Colonel Dick & Major Boyce and amounted in the whole to from 150 to 200 men as well as he now recollects <sup>that every minute man was taken</sup> that we was in one battle whilst in said rifle infantry at Petersburg<sup>2</sup> Virginia; that General Lafayette commanded

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*Simcoe Bluford,*

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<sup>2</sup> The Battle of Petersburg occurred on April 25, 1781

during last mentioned service, until General Washington arrived from the North; that he was at Williamsburg Virginia when the French Army joined our troops that his term of service expired and that he was discharged a few days before the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and he thinks about the 7th day of October 1781 that he entered said last term of service about the 7th of June of the same year. He further states that he was born in Culpeper County & State of Virginia on the 15th September 1761, that he has no record of his age, that his mother had all the ages of her children recorded in the family Bible, in Virginia, which he has often seen and according to which he was born at the time above stated, that since the revolutionary war he has resided in Virginia, in Kentucky & since 1805 in the State of Indiana where he now resides; that at the time of entering each of the above mentioned tours of service his residence was in Culpeper County & State of Virginia that he never received any written discharge from the service and consequently has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service; he states that he recollects the names of Major Hoffer, who commanded the Continental service, who were with the troops where he served – also General Muhlenberg a militia General, General Lafayette the French General that he marched from Culpeper Court house under General Stevens [Edward Stevens] of the militia, his second tour; that he is known in his present neighborhood by William Pennington & William Grisham who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every 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.

S/ Wm Sampson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wm Sampson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "W".

[William Pennington, a clergyman, and William Grisham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]