

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Sample S1719

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State of Tennessee Knox County: On this 22nd day of August 1833 personally appeared before me Eli King one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County at his own house he being entirely unable to attend the Court by reason of old age and bodily infirmity Samuel Sample a resident of said County and State in the said County of Knox and State of Tennessee aged 78 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in Augusta County Virginia in the part that is now Rockingham County on the 2nd day of September 1754 as he was informed by his parents he has no record of his age at this time. That he was living in Fincastle County Virginia in what is now called Washington County when called into service. At which place he thinks on or about the 1st of September 1774 or 5 he volunteered to go against the Shawnee Indians under Captain Evin Shelby [Evan Shelby] in Colonel Christie's [William Christian's] Regiment of militia we rendezvoused at Blacks Fort in the said County we marched into the green brier Country, we lay there some time then marched down New River, encamped and lay on said River some time then marched to the Ohio River at the mouth of the big Kenhaway [Kanawha River] or New River we lay there till the 10th of October at which time the Indians attacked us and we had a battle in which we kept the ground but lost of a number of our men a few days after the battle we crossed the Ohio River on our way to the Shawnee towns and marched within a few miles of the towns but were ordered to return which we did and marched back to the said battle ground and from thence back to the said Fincastle County and was there Honorably but verbally discharged in the latter part of November oh as he believes. He served at this time two months and a half for which he claims a pension. Again while living in Washington County Virginia about the last of August or 1st of September 1776 he volunteered to go against the Cherokee Indians under Captain James Thompson in Colonel Christie's Regiment of militia. We rendezvoused at Blacks fort at the time last aforesaid we then marched to the big island on Holston River lay there some time we then crossed the River and marched to the three springs lay there some time we then marched into the nation and through the same to the big Island town on the Tennessee River we lay there till about the 1st of November 1776 and was then Honorably but verbally discharged – he served at this time two months for which he claims a pension.

Again while living at the same place about the first of May 1778 as he believes he was drafted to go against the Cherokee Indians under Ensign Steet his given name not recollected we had no Captain nor Colonel our orders was there to march to Moore's Fort which we did and lay there till about the 1st of June 1778 and was then Honorably but verbally discharged – served at this time one month for which he claims a pension.

Again while living at the same place about the first of July 1778 as he believes he was drafted to go against the Cherokee Indians under Captain Andrew Calvin. He joined the Company at the time last aforesaid and then [indecipherable word] and marched with them to the Glade Hollow Fort and lay there till the first of August 1778 and was there Honorably but verbally discharged served at this time one month for which he claims a pension. Again he moved to what is now Greene County Tennessee but then North Carolina and while living at said place about the middle of November 1780 as he believes he volunteered to go against the Cherokee Indians under Captain James Wilson in Colonel Sevier's Regiment we rendezvoused at Long Creek in said County at the time last aforesaid marched to the big island on French Broad [River] and crossed the River and marched on to Boyd's Creek there the Indians attacked us we had a skirmish in which we were successful we killed and number of Indians and lost no man on our part then we marched back to the big Island on French Broad and lay there some time thence back to said Boyd's Creek lay there till we were reinforced by the troops commanded by Colonel Campbell of Virginia we then marched to Chota town on the Tennessee River lay there some time then marched to the mouth of Tellico River lay there some time we then marched to Hiwassee town burnt the town and marched down to the town the name not recollected we lay there some time burnt the towns and then marched to the mouth of Tellico River lay there some time and marched back to Greene County and was then Honorably but verbally discharged about the middle of January 1781 served at this time two months for which he claims a pension.

Again while living at the same place about the first of April 1781 as he believes he volunteered to go against the Cherokee Indians under Lieutenant Simon Kikingdoll [Simon Kuykendall? or Simon Kirkendoll?] we had no Captain or Colonel Rendezvoused at Colonel Hardin's Fort at the time last aforesaid to guard the frontiers we made said Fort our head quarters and scouted through the Country till about the first of July 1781 at which time he was honorably but verbally discharged served at this time three months for which he claims pension. He served in the whole eleven months and a half for which he claims Pension. He continued to live in said Greene County about two years after the Revolutionary war he then moved to Knox County and has lived there ever since and still lives there. He never was a substitute but was called into service as above stated. There was no regular officers nor Continental regiments with the troops where he served nor militia regiments that he can recollect except as above directed. He never did receive a written discharge from the service nor a commission during the war. He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with Hugh Milton, James Clift, James Walker, Eli King Esquire & Reverend Thomas Wilkinson all of whom he believes would testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier in the Revolution.

He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service. 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. There is no clergyman living immediately in his neighborhood nor no one whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the report of his service. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Eli King, JP

S/ Saml. Sample

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Sample". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Saml. Sample".

[Samuel K. King and Samuel Sample, Jr. gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Samuel King
Sam. Saml. King

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]