

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Sanders (Saunders) S21957

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State of South Carolina Union District: SS

On this 11th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas now sitting for said District, Sanders a resident of said District aged 74 years December last past, 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 & served as herein stated. I entered the service near the close of the year 1780 (the day and month I do not recollect) under a draft under Captain Thomas Robbins – Colonel David Hopkins – General Thomas Sumter in Chester County South Carolina & marched from thence near to the Juniper Springs, where Sumter's Horseman engaged the Horse under Rawdon, (who was on his way to relieve, a Brother officer, besieged by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], at Fort 96). Thence I marched back to Chester & visited my friends on a furlough for a few days. Thence to meet the enemy at Eutaw [Eutaw Springs], but before we reached that place we received intelligence that the Battle fought at that place was over, – Thence we marched to Orangeburg Court House, within three miles of which our advance guard had a skirmish with the British or Tories. After I had served 10 months according to my best recollection under the above Officers, I was dismissed at Orangeburg Court House & returned to Chester, – In a few weeks I was again called out by Captain Robbins under General Henderson & marched to South Edisto, at & in the vicinity of which place I remained until Great Britain withdrew her armies, acknowledged our Independence & Peace was proclaimed. Our Army disbanded & I with all the rest of my Fellow Soldiers dismissed –

I have no Documentary Evidence of my services, & know of no person whose testimony I can procure, who can testify thereto my old companions in arms being all dead –

To the Interrogatories propounded to me by the Court, I answer.

1st – I was born in Loudoun County Virginia (as I was told by my Father) near the Great Falls of the Potomac [River], on the 14th of December 1757.

2nd. – The Record of my age I had a few years ago, but it is lost.

3rd. – I lived in Chester County South Carolina when called into service, where I afterwards lived for many years after the Revolution, & have been living in Union District for the last 8

years where I now live.

4th. – I was drafted into service.

5th. – I never served with the Regulars, but was with the State Troops under General Sumter, about 10 months –

6th. – I never received a written discharge –

7th. – I refer to Reverend Thomas S Greer and James Greer to testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior & touching my services as a Revolutionary Soldier.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to in open court

S/ Jno. B. On'Neall, Presiding judge

S/ Thomas Sanders, X his mark

[Thomas S Greer, a clergyman, and James Greer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Union District: Thomas Saunders came personally before me and depose as follows in order to Explain & make more explicit his application for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7 of June 1832. States as follows – On my first Tour under a draft under Captain Thomas Robins & served six weeks near Columbia and the low country – On my 2nd Tour under Captain Robins again was out six weeks longer at the Juniper Springs – the 3rd tour called out to join General Greene and to go to the battle of Eutaw but battle was fought before we got there and remained under General Sumter on the Congaree = out at this time six weeks also – 4th Tour was called out again under same officers during this Tour was [at] Orangeburg stationed and out this Tour nine weeks & two days before we were discharged – 5th again called out under Sumter & served another Tour at the same place for six weeks – 6th tour was called out again and served six weeks at the Station as the same place under General Sumter. 7th Tour was out under Colonel Taylor one month – 8th Tour of duty was out under Colonel Henderson & served sometime over one month – This deponent is satisfied he has served at least (from first to last) 11 months & 3 weeks on a mature consideration of the number of Tours of duty performed, and thinks longer could he possibly recollect all the militia was called on to aid had served in their turn not less than four weeks & mostly six.

And this deponent during his services under General Henderson was a Sergeant & the whole of the other time was a common soldier.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 10th of May 1833

Test: S/ John Parham, JP

S/ Thomas Saunders, Senior, X his mark

[facts in fact: veteran died November 6, 1836 and Thomas Saunders, Junior was his administrator

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.21, commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months & 5 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]