

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sanders S3848

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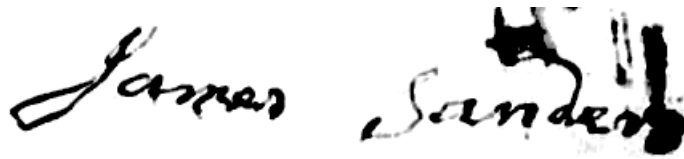
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State of Tennessee Smith County: On this 25th of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Smith County James Sanders, a resident of said County & State & State, aged seventy-one years, the 24th of December and 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 may by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in Westmoreland County State of Virginia on the 1st day of March 1779 for the Term of three years under Colonel John Washington, who was authorized to enlist men to be sent on to the North to General Washington's Army. Affiant was marched in a few days under the command of Lieutenant Beal to General Washington's Head Quarters, then held at Middle Brooke [Middlebrook], near New York at which place Applicant joined the Continental Army & was attached to the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Gaskins & by Captain John Fitzgerald – from Middle Brooke the Army marched to Smith's Cleves from thence the Regiment to which Applicant belonged was ordered to West Point to work on the Fort, remained there for some time from there the Regiment was ordered to Stony Point after Wayne had taken it [July 16, 1779]. We were ordered about from place to place until the latter part of 1779, when General Woodford's Brigade to which Gaskin's Regiment belonged together with Generals Scott & Muhlenberg's Brigades were ordered to the South. Applicant in the Army marched on through Virginia got a Permit to visit his family, which was in February 1780, his Regiment marched on to Charleston South Carolina & was taken prisoners of war at the siege of Charleston [May 12, 1780] before Applicant joined them. Applicant was not called into active service in the Continental line until his Regiment was regularly discharge when he was again regularly mustered into service in the aforesaid Regiment commanded by Colonel Gaskins, at a place on the Appomattox River, which he believes was nicknamed by the Soldiers Hungry-Town, in consequence of their suffering greatly for anything to eat, the true name was he does not recollect; he thinks this was in August 1781 from the above place Gaskins Regiment marched to the Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills], & from there crossed James River eighteen miles above old James Town at Colonel Bird's Ferry, remained there for some time just about the time that this Regiment was ordered to march to join the Grand Army to surround Lord Cornwallis, Applicant was regularly discharged by Colonel Gaskin in the month of September 1781, which discharge he has lost: During the time that Applicant's Regiment was prisoners of war, he was in the little engagement with the British & Tories at Lee's Mills on the Potomac River; in the engagement Colonel Richard Lee was commander in chief of the Americans. Applicant knew General Washington, Generals Woodford, Scott & Muhlenberg, Major General Lafayette, Lieutenant Colonel Heath [William Heth] Colonel Nevels who commanded the 4th Virginia Regiment, the above officers were in command in Washington's Army during the time that Applicant was

attached to it in the North, besides many others whose names, he does not now recollect. The foregoing is as distinct an account as Applicant can give at this late day of his services his Officers & the country through which he traveled. Applicant was discharged about one month before Cornwallis surrendered at Little York [October 19, 1781]. Applicant was born in Westmoreland County Virginia on the 24th of December 1761 according to the Register left by his father, where he lived until sometime after the close of the War, & he moved to Amelia County, where he remained about six years, when he moved to Chatham County North Carolina where he lived thirteen years, from there he removed to Grainger County East Tennessee, where he remained one year, from there he removed to Kentucky, where he resided ten years in Lincoln & Mercer Counties, from there to West Tennessee, Smith County, where he has resided about fourteen years: Applicant has a Record of his age at home. Applicant knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his services, he has no Documentary evidence by which he can establish his claim except [3 lines of interlineation which are illegible but appear to refer to the certificates given by either other agencies or other individuals]. 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/ James Sanders

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Sanders". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "James" is written in a fluid, connected style, and the last name "Sanders" is also in cursive, with a prominent vertical stroke at the end.

[f p. 10: certificate dated September 13, 1832 from the Land Office at Richmond showing that on June 21, 1820 8 bounty land warrant No. 6391 for 100 acres was issued, to James Saunders [sic] a private in the Continental line.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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Addendum to James Sanders S3848

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 28 March 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of [illegible]

Smith County [illegible]

James Sanders appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he enlisted in the State of Virginia on the 1st day of March 1779 for the term of Three years in the Company commanded by Captain John Fitzgerald of the Third Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Gaskins and that he continued to serve in said Regiment until the 31st day of August 1782 at which time he was honorably discharged in Virginia not far from James Town by his Colonel Gaskins and that he has never received his Land Warrant for said service and that through the course of time he has lost his discharge and that he wishes his Land Warrant may be granted to him.

Given under my hand this 9th day of December 1819

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Sanders". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text.