

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sellers S3872

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State of Tennessee Grainger County: On this 19th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of our court of pleas and quarter sessions being a court of Record now sitting James Sellers Senior a resident of the County of Grainger State of Tennessee aged seventy-four years of age 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 volunteered in the service of the United States under Captain Matthew Ramsey a regular Continental officer and marched within twelve miles of Savannah Georgia on the 2nd day of November 1779¹ for a 9 months term of service and that he left the service on the 2nd day of August 1780. – That at the time he entered the service he resided in Chatham County State of North Carolina. That he was in the battle at Stono which was fought on the 20th day of June 1780 [sic, 20th day of June 1779], the battle commencing on Sunday morning. He states that from Chatham County he marched and rendezvoused at Hillsboro Orange County State of North Carolina from thence through Guilford Court house to Salisbury, Rowan County North Carolina from thence through Mecklenburg County into the State of South Carolina and passed through the Town of Camden to Purrysburg on the Savannah River from thence we marched up to Augusta and crossed Savannah River and marched down to the mouth of Brier Creek there we crossed the Savannah River and pursued the British within 10 or 15 miles of Charleston then the British made an a tact and pushed to Stono and we pursued them to where the Battle was fought on the 20th of June 1780 as before stated when we laid within 3 miles of them until I was discharged. He states that he served with the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Thaxton [sic, James Thackston] and Archibald Lytle Lieutenant Colonel. He states that General Lincoln commanded the Army to which he belonged and who was a regular Officer. He states that General Lincoln commanded the American Army at the battle of Stono. He states that he belonged to the 4th Regiment and that he knew Major Taylor of the 5th Regiment and Major Martin Armstrong of the 4th Regiment together with Colonels Thaxton & Lytle and General Lincoln. He herewith encloses the affidavit of William Norris² who testifies to his service. He

¹ From the events he describes, I believe the date he entered the service would have been November 1778.

² [William Norris S38963](#) Norris gave a cursory affidavit with no additional details of service [fn p. 16]

states that he was discharged by Colonel James Thaxton and that it was destroyed when his fathers house was burned.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ James Sellers, X his mark

S/ John Cocke Clerk

[Charles McAnally, a clergyman, and Valentine Morgan³ gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: veteran died November 20, 1842; in 1842 his post office address was Rutledge, Tennessee; he had a son James Sellers living in 1843; no widow survived the veteran but there were 2 other heirs at law besides the son, James Sellers, but they are not named in the file.]

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

³ [Valentine Morgan S1567](#) Morgan also testified that he served with the veteran in the army [fn p. 13].