

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Sanford (Sandford) S41120

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Virginia

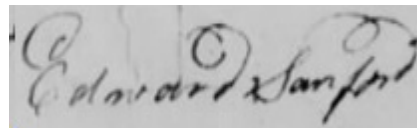
County court of Richmond On the 5th day of April in the year 1819 [sic: 1818] before the County Court of Richmond being a Court of Record. Personally appeared in Open Court Edward Sanford aged about sixty three years, resident in the said County, who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled and Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the united states in the Revolutionary War. – That he the said Edward Sanford was drafted in the County of Westmoreland in said state, in the year 1781 for eighteen months to serve on Continental establishment in the Virginia line and in Fredericksburg was put under the command of Capt [Thomas] Tebbs, and by him marched to Albermarl [sic: Albemarle] old Court House where he was put under the Command of Capt Lamb [sic: Nathan Lamme], from thence he was carried to the point of fork on James River [at the confluence with Rivanna River] and joined a Regiment of new recruits which was under the command of Colo Febecer [sic: Christian Febiger VAS675] – he also was at the Sige of York in General Wayn’s Brigade [sic: Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781, Gen. Anthony Wayne] – he was marched to Cumberland Court House where he was promoted to an Orderly Sergeant at which time he was commanded by Capt Cluff Shelton [sic: Clough Shelton BLWt740-300] and in the spring marched to the south in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Thomas Posey [BLWt1733-450] – he was marched to Savanna, Ebenezer [sic: Savannah and Ebenezer GA], &c. where the Regiment joined the command of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. Returned to Cumberland Court House where he was discharged after serving his term (faithfully) of eighteen months. The said Edward Sanford further declares that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Virginia Richmond county, to wit

Edward Sanford personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the county & in the State aforesaid and made oath upon the holy Evangelist, That he is in his sixty third year of age & resides in the county aforesaid, That he was drafted in the county of Westmoreland in said State in the year 1781 for eighteen months military service, in the continental line, was marched to Fredericksburg & put under the command of Capt. Tebbs, From thence to Albemarl old court house where he was placed under the command of Capt. Lamb & there remained a short time. From thence to the point of Fork on James river, & Joined a regiment of new recruits under the direction & command of Baron Stewban [sic: Baron von Steuben] where he remained untill the day before British took possession of that place [6 Jun 1781]. He was then marched to Hallifax Virginia from thence to York Town & there served during the seige at York Town in General Waynes Brigade. After the capture of the enemy at that place he was marched to Cumberland Court house & remained during the winter – during which time he was promoted to an Orderly Sargeant, and was then under the command of Capt Cluff Shelton, Early in the spring succeeding he marched in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Thomas Poosy to Ebenezer where the said Regm’t joined General Wayne From thence he march’d to Savanna in Georgia From thence he march’d to Ashlys River in South carolina & From thence under the general command of General Green to Cumberland old court house where this affiant was regularly discharged.

Given under my hand & seal this 13th day of April 1818.

John Neale Horace Wellford
 Justice of the peace



Virginia Richmond county, to wit

John France [W7327] personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the county & in the state aforesaid & made oath that the facts as stated in the within affidavit is true being in the same Regiment, at the same time.

Given under my hand & seal this 13th day of April 1818.

[Horace Wellford]

Westmoreland County State of Virginia

The joint deposition of John France & William Spurling [S41182] of Lawfull age, taken before me Samuel Templeman [S6204] one of the Justices of the peace for said County and presiding magistrate of the said county county being first sworn, That they knew Edward Sanford while a soldier in the Revolutionary war. William Spurling sayeth that Edw'd. Sanford and himself ware in the same company commanded by Capt Warnan [sic: Thomas Warman BLWt1789-300], and the said company joined the 10th Regement commanded by Colo. Thomas Gaskins [BLWt867-450] untill after the Sige of York, after which the Regiment marched to the southward under the command of Colo. Posey. John France sayeth that he served in the same Regiment with Edward Sanford tho not in the same company That they marched to the southward, and in the State of Georgey ware in a skermish with the Indians and afterwards in a skermish with the British near the Savanna [Savannah River]. When Edward Sanfords Time expired he returned to Cumberland old Court House where William Spurling & the said Sanford were discharged. Given under my hand & seal this 26th day July 1819 [sic].

[The file contains a pension certificate issued on 31 July 1819 to "Edward Sanford" for \$8 per month for 18 months service ending in the rank of Sergeant. A note on this certificate states that it replaces an earlier one that had been incorrect.]

State of Virginia

Westmoreland County, Towit.

On this 26th day of June 1820 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record agreeably to the Laws of the State of Virginia Edward Sanford, aged about sixty five years, resident in the County of Richmond in said State, who being first sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows. In a regiment the 10th or 11th Virginia Troops on Continental establishment commanded first by Colo Thomas Gaskins secondly by Colo. Febeeceer and last by Colo. Thomas Posey in a Company commanded by Capt Lamb, and after he was promoted to be a Sergeant the Company was Commanded by a Capt Shelton. That he was in the Battle with the Creek Indians near Mrs. Gibbin's in South Carolina [sic: at the Widow Gibbons's at Sharon GA, 24 May 1782], and on the Agashey River near Charles Town [sic: Ashley River near Charleston], return'd to Virginia and was discharged at Cumberland Old Court House as will more fully appear by reference to the original decleration filed in the war office dated the fifth day of April 1819 (But which ought to have been dated on April 1818). On which a pension Certificate was granted the Thirty first of July 1819 Number 13.398. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

No Real Estate of any kind. Rents Land for which his son \$100 pr annum

Personal Estate. 1 small Plough horse, 1 yoke oxen, 15 head of hoggs large and small, household furniture worth about \$40 having lost the greater part by the Burning his House Edward Sandward [sic]

Family

himself aged about 65 years. infirm and not able to pursue his avocation for support

his wife is very sickly[?] about 56 years old. 3 Children residing with him 2 Girls and a Boy. One Girl 19 years old afflicted from a child not able to support herself. One daughter 15 years old healthy and able to support herself. One Boy 12 years old not able to get his living.

War Department,/PENSION OFFICE./ July 6th 1820.

SIR, You are hereby informed that the Secretary of War does not, on account of the amount of your property, consider you entitled to a Pension under the Acts of the 18th March, 1818, and 1st May, 1820; and has, therefore, directed your name to be stricken from the Pension List.

I am, respectfully,/ Your obedient servant,/ [signed] J. L. Edwards

War Department/ Pension Office/ July 21 1821

Sir, Your claim to a continuance of your name on the pension list has been examined, and the Secretary of War has directed me to state that he does not consider you entitled to a continuance of the pension under the Act of May 1820. Your name cannot, therefore, be returned to the pension roll.

I am, respectfully/ yr. obt. sert./ [signed] J. L. Edwards

Westmoreland County Templemans X Roads 28th July 1821

The Hon'l John C Calhoun/ department of war

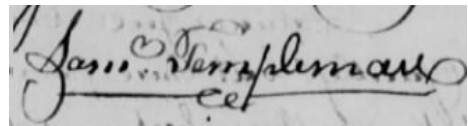
Sir/ Yours of the 21st Instant covering Letters to James Chambers [S37838], Edward Sanford & William Spurling rejecting the two first and continuing the last on the pension list and some time before I received a letter from your office to John Morriss [John Morris S38235] accompanied by a letter from Mr. Wirt the united states attorney rejecting his Claim

I always feel bound to submit to my superiors (quietly) but these old Soldiers had no person to undertake for tem but myself having been raised with them and served in the Revolutionary war, (A Time which tried mens souls) I have felt uncommonly concerned on their account, as the papers in your office will testify. If no other cases can be reconsidered (and I promise you that It shall be the last time) permit me to represent the Case of Capt Edward Sanford again to your consideration.

Agreeably to the Law of 1820 [two illegible words] was made in our court and a schedule of his property returned It would appear, That as he rented a farm and paid \$100 Rent that he must be a man of worth. The fact is as before stated that his son Rented this Land and paid the rent. If you will advert to the schedule returned to Court and transmitted to your office that His property was indeed very small, and Edward Sanford who is in a low state of health, his wife is old and weak. One daughter afflicted from her birth, another daughter in good health, a young son, all now living with Alfred Sanford the son of Edward Sanford, and the whole of the family supported by the son of Edward Sanford. Indeed he would be a mean beggar, if his son did not support the family May I hopee, if you do not reconsider either of the others that you will reinstate Capt Edward Sanford on the Pension List. The facts (if necessary) may be established by affidavits.

yours very respectfully

Sam Templeman



[A note in the file reads: "Informed March 29 1822 that he could not be restored Sent to W. L. Ball Esq'r H. Rep [House of Representatives]." On 1 March 1823 Congress amended the pension law making it easier for pensioners to comply with the requirement to prove financial need.]

Declaration/ In order to be restored to the pension list under the act of the 1st March 1823.

County of Westmoreland sct.

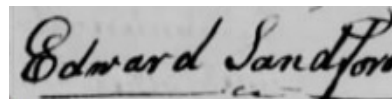
On this Twenty second day of September 1823 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record agreeably to the Law's of the State of Virginia, Edward Sanford aged about sixty eight doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the

18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Edward Sanford was drafted in the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia in the spring of the year 1781 to serve for eighteen months in the Continental line of the Virginia Troops – and was by Capt Tebbs with other recruits to Fredericksburg and from thence to Albermarl Old Courthouse, where he was placed under the command of Capt. Lamb, by whom he was marched to the Point of Fork on James River and joined a Regiment which at that time was under the direction of baron Stewben – where he remained until the day before the British took possession of that place, he was then marched to halifax in Virginia, and from thence to York Town, and served in General Wayns Briggade during the Siege. After the Capture of the enemy at York, he was removed to Cumberland Court House, was promoted to Orderly Sergeant and under the Command of Capt Cluff Shelton, and by him marched in Colo. Poseys Regiment, and joined General Wayns Command from thence to Ashly River and a Town in the State of Georgia and South Carolina all under the command of General Green from thence to Cumberland Court House where he was discharged having served Twenty three months. And that his name has been placed on the pension list and dropt therefrom on account of his property. [Oath similar to that in the above declaration follows.]

Schedule

No real estate, whatever. Personal property &c

1 sorrel mare aged 13 years old valued at. .	\$20.00
1 old working steer.	10.00
3 old breeding sows.	12.00
5 old Flagg chairs.	1.67
2 old walnut Tables.	5.00
1 Looking Glass.	2.00
1 old walnut desk.	3.00
	<u>\$53.67</u>



And that no change has taken place between this and the former schedule, except the use and loss of stock, and that altho in the former schedule he stated that he lived on a farm rented from Mr. Mitchell at \$100 pr year, yet was stated that this rent was paid by his son and by which means he was alone able to support himself & helpless family. That for two years past himself and family has been living with his said son, without whose bounty he could not support himself and family.

The declarent further states that at the age of about 68 years and Considerably infirm that follows no occupation, that his wife Martha aged 58 is in very delicate health, and not able to do much service, his daughter Lucey aged 22 years, has been always a weakly girl and now not capable of labour, his daughter Susan aged 18 is healthy and able to help her mother, his son, Richard 15 years old a fine Boy intended to be bound out to a Trade, all the family residing with my son as above stated.

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists the following: Edward Sanford/ age 24/ height 5' 9"/ dark hair/ blue eyes/ fair complexion/ planter/ born and residing in Westmoreland County where he was drafted 5 Apr 1781 for 18 months. Sided 15 May 1781.

The file contains a paper on which the following undated note is written by someone in the Pension Office: "Colo Febiger it is admitted was one of the continental Cols. but as they sometimes commanded Mil[iti]a & the applic[an]t was a drafted man march'd to Albemarle old Ct house where militia guarded British prisoners... this office cannot determine without further evidence which the applicant belonged to continental establishm't or not. The deposition of 2 witnesses certified by the Judge to be credible proving the Length of service required by the law, 9 m[onth]s on Continental establishment – is required." The author of this note has confused Albemarle Old Courthouse with Albemarle Barracks, where prisoners captured at Saratoga were kept from January 1779 through February 1781. The prisoners were not guarded by 18-month draftees such as Sanford, and there were no prisoners to guard there at the time Sanford was drafted.