

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Sampson S7453

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Caps state of Virginia, Page County, to wit:

Be it remembered that on Monday the 26 day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court before Danl. Strickler, Jacob Strote, Danl. Blosser and John H. Roads, Gentlemen Justices comprising the County Court of Page, now sitting, Joseph Sampson, a resident of the said County of Page and State of Virginia, aged 70 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 7, 1832.

I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

I enlisted in the service of the United States in 1779 and served under the following named officers. I was then about 17 years of age. My Regiment was commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor, Major Fountain, Captain Madison, Captain Porter, Captain Roberts & Captain William Kirtley, to which last mentioned company I was principally attached. The other officers of said Regiment I do not now particularly recollect. I rendered my first service under the above named officers at Albemarle Barracks at Charlottesville in the State of Virginia, where I continued 12 months, the whole term of duty, I think was 18 months. After this particular service, in the fall of the year 1780, I went as a substitute for one Samuel Ferguson, for a tour of 3 months. I joined the troops at Jermona [?]<sup>1</sup> in Culpeper County. We crossed the said River on our march to Fredericksburg, and after marching a few miles we [were] met by an express and the troops discharged. I believe the troops were at this time commanded by Colonel James Barbour, and the company to which I was attached was commanded by Captain John Waugh. In the spring of the year 1781, I volunteered for a tour of 3 months. My Company was commanded by Captain Fisher Rice, the Regiment by Colonel James Slaughter and Major Henry Hill, and the Brigade by General Muhlenberg, and was, during this tour in the battle or skirmish with the British under Arnold [Benedict Arnold] at Petersburg Virginia. In the latter part of the summer of the same year I was drafted for a tour of 3 months, and marched from Culpeper Court House in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin Lillard, and the Regiment by Colonel John Slaughter and Major Welch; – in the latter part of said tour, the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Edmunds and the Brigade by General Stevens [Edward Stevens]. I was regularly discharged about the first of October between Williamsburg and York Town Virginia. I marched during these tours, through Fredericksburg, Bowling Green, New Castle, Hanover town,

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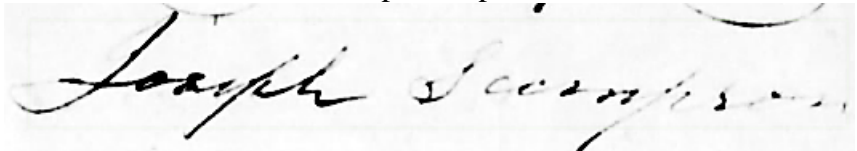
<sup>1</sup> *Jermona*

Richmond, Manchester, Petersburg, Cabin Point in Williamsburg; and was stationed a while at the Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] below Richmond, and crossed James River above Richmond, at Richmond, and below Richmond, at Sandy Point, and the Chickahominy Swamps and River, both by day and night; and generally through the lower parts of Virginia, not now recollect being the names of all the different Counties, I marched, being pursued and harassed daily by the enemy. General Lafayette joined us at Richmond and reviewed the troops at Shockoe Hill. I have no documentary evidence of my services, other than the affidavits of Dennis Crow<sup>2</sup>, Jas Shotwell<sup>3</sup> and William Yowell.<sup>4</sup>

I was born in the County of Culpeper on the 23rd March 1762, to the best of my recollection of my register. I have no record of my age in my possession though I conclude that I was 70 years of age in March last past. I was living in Culpeper County Virginia when first called into service, and since the war of the Revolution, I removed to the County of Louisa, from thence to the County of York where I lived 3 years – I then removed to the County of Shenandoah, and from thence to the County of Rockingham, where in the Session of the General Assembly of Virginia 1830 and '31, the County of Page was formed I now reside. I do not now certainly recollect, but am now under the impression, that I served my 1st tour in lieu of my brother William Simpson, at Albemarle Marriage, as I before mentioned.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that he is name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Sampson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Sampson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Ambrose see Boston, a clergyman, Martin Strickler and Simeon Lucas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia County of Madison SS

This day personally appeared before me one of the Commonwealth justices of the peace in and for the County of Madison and State aforesaid William Yowell, Dennis Crow, and James Shotwell and being duly sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God saith, that they knew Joseph Sampson during the war of the Revolution, that they were in the service with the said Sampson, that he was at the Battle in Petersburg in the spring of the year in the year 1781 and that he is now a resident in the County [of] Page in the State of Virginia and further these affiants sayeth not.

S/ William Yowell, X his mark

S/ Dennis Crow, X his mark

S/ James Shotwell, X his mark

[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 militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> FPA S39380

<sup>3</sup> FPA S17088

<sup>4</sup> [William Yowell \(Yowel, Youell\) W5551](#)