

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Sanders (Saunders) ¹ W1087

Mary Sanders f70NC

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State of Tennessee Franklin County: In the County Court at August Term 1826

Personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record, this 29th day of August 1826, Solomon Saunders [sic], aged eighty-seven years, being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the first of May 1820, that he the said Solomon Saunders enlisted for the term of three years on the __ day of November 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain __ McDaniel, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Frederick Hargett, in the line of North Carolina on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until the 10th day of November 1779 when he was discharged from said service at Camp in Wilmington in the State of North Carolina as by his discharge dated the 10th day of November 1779 herewith filed and made a part of this petition will more fully appear; and that he was in the battles of Black River Bridge and Blewforde's Bridge, and several skirmishes; and that he has no other evidence in his possession and power, of his said service, except the discharge aforesaid and his own oath, and in pursuance of the act of Congress of the first of May 1820, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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, the following is a correct schedule of all the property I possess, to wit,

One tract of land containing 69 acres worth	\$343.00
Two Horses worth	75.00
Two Cows & calves worth	35.00
5 or 6 head of hogs	10.00
3 beds and furniture knives and forks, & plates	<u>20.00</u>
	\$485.00

and that he is indebted for the cost of a suit lately decided in the Circuit Court of Franklin

¹ BLWt6451-160-55

County Solomon Saunders against the Heirs of Poindexter Payne in the sum of \$75 including his lawyers fee, and to various other persons in the sum of about \$40: My occupation has always been that of a farmer which I am not now able to pursue; my family consist of a wife named Mary aged about 54 years, a daughter named Nancy aged about 18 years, a daughter named Sally aged about 16 years and two sons, to wit, Jacob aged 12 years and Jordan aged 11 years all of whom are dependent on me for support.

Sworn to & subscribed and open Court this 29 August 1826

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ Solomon Saunders, X his mark

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This day discharged Solomon Sanders from my Ridgment at Camp Wilmington North Carolina who has Sarved out his time of Inlistment which was for Three years Who behaved him Self as a Brave and faithful Soldier to his Country given from under my hand this 10th of November 1779

S/ Frederick Hargett Genl.²

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State of Tennessee, Franklin County: SS

On this 27th day of No___ personally appeared before the court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Franklin, Solomon Sanders, a resident of said County and State aged about 92 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted, and entered the service of the United States for the term of three years in the County of Craven [?]³ in the State of North Carolina, on the ___ day of November in the year

² This is interesting in that Frederick Hargett is known to have served as a captain in the New Bern (Craven County) District militia. I could find no records indicating that Hargett served at any higher rank during the Revolution. Could this discharge be a forgery?

³ *Craven*

1776, in the company commanded by Captain Thomas [indecipherable],⁴ [indecipherable]⁵ in the regiment commanded by Colonel Frederick Hargett. That he continued in the service from the time of his investment until the 10th day of November 1779 when he was discharged from the service at Camp in Wilmington North Carolina, which will more fully appear [by] reference being had to his discharge bearing date the 10th day of November 1779, now on file in the war Department. This applicant states that by [sic, he] was in the battle of Ready Creek in North Carolina & the skirmish at Buforts bridge & in several other skirmishes. He cannot at this time enumerate more minutely the particulars of his services than are herein stated believing that he belonged to the Continental line, he made an application for a pension, and filed his declaration at the August term of the County Court of Franklin County 1826 which is on file in the war department as he supposes to which he also begs leave to refer.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares in his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ Solomon Sanders, X his mark

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1. Where and in what year were you born?
2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?
3. Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

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A. I was born in Craven County – (now Jones) in the State of North Carolina in the year 1740

A. I have no record of my age, the record of my age was burnt many years ago.

A. Was living in Craven North Carolina when called into the service. I have lived in the State of Virginia, then removed to Kentucky, from there I removed to Franklin County Tennessee where I have lived for the last twenty years & where I now live.

A. I volunteered.

A. General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] had the command of the troops: I cannot recollect the



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names of the other regiments that were with me. I was marched from Craven County to Wilmington, & from there to Charleston and served out his term of service nearly, then returned to Wilmington where I was discharged: In the summer of 1781 I again volunteered & entered the service of the United States for the term of three months under Captain Reedsdale McDaniel [probably Risten McDaniel of the Jones County NC militia] and served in his Company under the command of General Richard Caswell: this term of service was performed as Cornwallis was marching his army from the South to little York, & on receiving intelligence of his capture [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] we were disbanded.

A. I received a discharge from Colonel Frederick Hargett: and suppose that it is on file in the War department of Washington City for the first term of service: for the 2nd term of service I received none.

A. I refer to the Reverend George Roberts, John Jones Esquire & Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ Solomon Sanders, X his mark

by S/ W. B. Wagner, D. C.

[George Roberts, a clergyman, and John Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 2: On December 16, 1852 in Grundy County Tennessee, Mary Sanders, aged 83, file for a widow's pension as the widow of Solomon Sanders, a Revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband died November 29, 1837; that she married Solomon Sanders in 1791 in Powels Valley, Campbell County Tennessee; that they were married by William Gipson; that they were married in the Month of May; that she removed from Powels Valley to the state of Kentucky and now resides in Grundy County Tennessee where she has resided for the last 45 years; that she has no family record of her marriage or of the births of her children. She signed her application with her 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 North Carolina service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]