

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jordan Sellars (Sellers) W25437 Mary Sellers f41NC
Transcribed by Will Graves 2/3/11

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State of North Carolina Robeson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1834

On this 27th day of May in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before Thomas A. Norment, James Blount & Benjamin Freeman Justices presiding in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Robeson County in the State of North Carolina now sitting Jordan Sellars a resident of said County aged seventy-one years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted for twelve months in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 about the middle of the month of December – that at the time he enlisted he was about 18 years old and was then residing in the County of Columbus in the State of North Carolina – that he enlisted under one Henry Cotgraves¹ then a Lieutenant in recruiting officer of the United States – that he went under the command of Lieutenant Cotgraves to Wilmington in this State where he was placed under the command of Captain Samuel Jones a regular officer of the Continental troops, and remained in Wilmington for about one month, that before he left Wilmington the American troops there collected were about 300 in number, and all were under the command of Major Griffith McRae a Continental officer. That he marched from Wilmington under Major McRae along the sea shore by the way of Georgetown into South Carolina to a place called Pon Pon which was then the headquarters of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], that on his arrival at Pon Pon he was placed in the second Regiment of the North Carolina troops commanded by Colonel Armstrong [probably John Armstrong], that the time when he arrived at Pon Pon was as well as he recollects in the month of March, and but a short time after General Greene was defeated at the Eutaw Springs, that he remained at Pon Pon but a short time, when he with all the troops under General Greene (about 5000 in number he believes) marched to Bacons Bridge on Ashley River in the State of South Carolina where he staid for about 3 months when he with all the troops under General Greene (except a guard stationed at Bacon's Bridge) marched to Ashley Hill in South Carolina where he remained until the 16th day of December in the year 1782 when he was paraded back to Wilmington in this State by Captain Samuel Jones. That during his term of services he never was in any battle or skirmishes – That the time at which he arrived in Wilmington on his return home was about the first day of January 1783. That as soon as he returned to Wilmington he received a furlough (which he has lost) and returned home, after having served for 12 months – the term for which he enlisted – that all the time he was a private soldier in the Continental infantry. He states that he is now 71 years old. He hereby

¹ Sic, probably Arthur Cotgrave (Cotgraves, Cotgrave)

relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency or any States – that there is no person to his knowledge who is cognizant of his service whose testimony he can now procure before this court.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 27th May 1834

S/ A. McEachin, clk

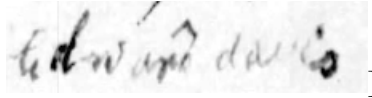
S/ Jordan Sellers



[John Small and Joseph C Lee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 29: on June 24, 1834 in Columbus County North Carolina Joseph Catriff, Sr.,² gave a supporting affidavit substantially identical in its recitation of service to that given by the veteran above.]

[fn p 29: on June 24, 1834 in Columbus County North Carolina, Edward Davis³ also gave a supporting affidavit.



[fn p. 9: On October 29, 1853 in Marion District South Carolina, Mary Sellers, 56, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Jordan's sellers a pensioner for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$40 per year; that she married him in the month of July 1817; that her husband died September 9th, 1838 and she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 10: in her bounty land claim filed in 1855, the widow said her name before her marriage was Mary Osborne.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

² Sic, [Joseph Cartright \(Cartwright\) S8161](#)

³ [Edward Davis S8284](#)