

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of George Sigmon (Sigman) W2969 Catharine fn78NC
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State of North Carolina Burke County

On this the 23rd day of July 1833 personally appeared George Sigmon in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting who is a resident of said County aged about 77 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.

He first entered the Service as a Volunteer under Captain Lee Taylor Colonel Lock [sic, Francis Locke] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] about the last of October 1778 and marched from Mulls Mill then Burke County now Lincoln County from thence went to Charlotte and from there towards Charlestown South Carolina to the ten mile Creek, then to Purrysburg on Savony River [sic, Savannah River] -- and was in one engagement on brier Creek [Brier Creek] below Augusta with the British -- That he was discharged in April 1778 [sic, 1779] making the term of Service at that time 6 months; Again I volunteered in the Horse under Captain Dillinger and Colonel McDowell in the month of December 1780 and after marching one day was taken up with the smallpox and had to be carried back and was not able to do any service that Tour -- Again I was ordered out under the command of Henry Whitener and served a tour of 3 months but cannot from old age and great infirmity recollect the date of the commencement or end of that Tour. I was born in State of Pennsylvania near Delaware River.

Interrogatories by the Court

1st Where were you born?

Ans: In the State of Pennsylvania near Delaware River & left that when I was small

2nd Have you any record of your age?

Ans: No, but from what my parents stated to me I was 77 last February

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I lived in what is now Lincoln County when I was first called into service and lived there till the year 1794 when I moved to Burke County where I have lived ever since

4th How were you called into service?

Ans: I volunteered

5th State the names of the General officers that were with the troops when you served.

Ans: General Rutherford was the first & Colonel McDowell was the highest officer in my last service

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

Ans: Yes I received to the first I think was signed by Colonel Locke & the 2nd by

Colonel McDowell -- but I have lost them both.
Sworn to in open court & subscribed 23rd July 1833
S/ J. Erwin, Clerk

S/ George Sigmon, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Burke County: July 23rd 1833

This day Personally appeared before me James Avery an acting Justice of the peace for said County Samuel Reed¹ Senior and after being duly sworn in due form of law deposed & saith that he knew George Sigmon Senior now an applicant for a Pension during the Revolutionary War & served a 5 months tour with him under Colonel Frank Locke & General Rutherford Sigmon was in Captain Taylor's company when we started Taylor left us at Savannah River & Captain Richardson took the command deponent was in the Captain James Nichols company. We started as deponent believes in the fall of the year 1778 & was discharged in March 1779 -- we served the full time for which we volunteered which was 5 months -- Deponent cannot state the date of the month on which they started nor when they were discharged but believes they entered the service in October 1778 & were discharged in March 1779. General Ash [sic, John Ashe] was defeated at Briar Creek during this time.

Sworn to & subscribed date above written before me

S/ James Avery, JP

S/ Samuel Reed, U his mark

[fn p. 71: John Kincaid and James Erwin gave the standard supporting affidavit on the half of George Sigmon. Thomas Carlton, a clergyman also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

On this 31st day of December 1832 came Michael Cline² before me George J. Shuford one of the justices of the peace of the said County and being sworn according to law and saith that he was with George Sigmon who now lives in Burke on John's River in the Revolution Service

Started with said Sigmon under Captain Taylor in the last of October 1778 and started from Mulls Mill then Burke now Lincoln then went on to sharlot [Charlotte] then towards Charleston under Rutherford and Locke to the ten mile Creek then to Purs Burg [Purrysburg] on Savony [Savannah] River that he was with the said Sigmon until he was discharged which was sometime in April to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed before me

S/ George P. Shuford, JP

S/ Michael Cline

[fn p. 8: on November 1, 1843 in Rockcastle County Kentucky, Mrs. Catherine Sigman, 88, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Sigman, a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$30 per annum; that her husband died October 30 1841; that she married him in the state of Pennsylvania in the year 1783 or 4 she thinks; that her oldest child is named Betsy and is about 58 or 9 years of age; and that she, Katherine, remains the widow of George Sigman.]

¹ FPA S7372

² FPA W6675

[fn p. 12: on November 1, 1843 in Rockcastle County Kentucky, Miss Polly Sigmon the 7th child of George and Catherine Sigmon gave an affidavit in support of her mother's claim for a widow's pension; she states she is the 7th child of her mother and father; that she is 46 years old as of the 29th day of October 1843 and that she has 6 brothers and sisters older than her and her oldest sister Elizabeth by the said Father and mother is about 58 or 9 years of age.]

[names of the veteran and his widow's children

Elizabeth or Betsy, the oldest, aged 58 or 59 in 1843

George Sigmon aged 54 in 1843 and living in Rockcastle County, Ky

Sally

Henry

Peggy

John

Polly, born Oct 29, 1797 and living with her mother in Rockcastle in 1843]

[facts in file: veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefits from North Carolina to Kentucky pursuant to a petition filed December 14, 1835 in Rockcastle County Kentucky. He states in this petition that he drew his last pension payment September 4, 1835 in Fayetteville North Carolina.]