

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sansom W311

Elizabeth D.

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State of Tennessee Maury County: On this the 21st day of September 1846 Personally appeared before me Jesse M Gordon an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County and a Justice of the County Court of Maury County, which is a Court of Record, Mrs. Elizabeth D Sansom a resident of said County aged seventy-one years who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838, March 3rd 1843 and the 17th of June 1844 and Joint resolution 23rd of January 1845. That she is the widow of William Sansom who was a soldier in the Regular Army of the United States in the war of the Revolution, and of the Virginia line, that her husband the said William Sansom entered the service as an enlisted Soldier in the 7th Virginia Regiment in the early part of the year 1776 for a tour of during the war, that when he entered the service, he lived in Louisa County as well as this declarant recollects that he continued in the service till the close of the war, when he was regularly discharged, this declarant further states, that she has heard her husband say that he was under General Washington and was with him in 1777 when they wintered in Pennsylvania, that she has heard her husband the said William Sansom frequently speak of being at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], at Guilford Court-House [March 15, 1781] and at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] as she thinks he was at the Battle of Little York. And in fact she has heard him say that he was at or in the most of the hard fought Battles from the time he entered till the close of the war in 1781. But this declarant cannot give all the particulars in relation to his service nor can she give the names of all the Officers under whom he did serve while engaged in some one of the Battles he was wounded slightly being shot in his left arm, which was probably done at the Battle of Stony Point [July 16, 1779]. She further states that she was married to the said William Sansom on the 18th day of March 1790 in Wilkes County State of Georgia by David Creswell Esquire. That her husband the said William Sansom died in the Town of Washington County of Wilkes State of Georgia on the 16th day of March 1818. That since his death she has not intermarried but continues to be his widow. She further states, that she has frequently seen the discharge of her husband that it with [ink blot obliterates several words] was handed over to the publisher of the Washington Monitor a few days after his death, from which papers facts in relation to his services were ascertained and was inserted in said paper with the Obituary Notice of his death a slip from which paper was cut out containing said notice and is hereto attached, which is, and was intended for the notice of the death of her husband William Sansom, though it is inserted in said notice (Samson), it should have been Sansom. She further declares that she has not any documentary proof in support of her claim except her family record which shows the date of her marriage and of the birth of her children, which is the genuine record and in the handwriting of her husband William Sansom, deceased, and his last will and testament a part of which is written

in his own hand writing having his own proper signature thereto [line of text compromised and illegible] to the service of her said husband but this declarant cannot give them further than what she has heard her husband speak of in his lifetime.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above written

S/ E. D. Sansom



[f p. 11: last will and testament of William Sansom in which he names his wife Elizabeth,, son William and heirs of his daughter Ann Burch. "my children: William, Mary, Richard, Eliza, Patsy and Ann Burch and her heirs]

[f p. 13: another last will and testament of William Sansom in which he names son Dorrel, oldest daughter Ann Burch, son William, wife Elizabeth, other children, Richard, Mary, Eliza and Patsy or Martha



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[f p. 5]

DIED. in Washington, Wilkes county, on Monday, the 16th ult. WILLIAM SANSOM, Esq. in the 64th year of his age. He was among the many patriotic young men of Virginia, who, in 1775, the most doubtful and alarming crisis of the revolution, enlisted themselves in the cause of independence. At this period he joined the 7th Virginia Regiment as a private; was with it in some of the hardest fought battles of that war, and continued in the service of his country until the close of the revolutionary contest; after which, he removed to this state, and was among the early settlers of Wilkes county, where he lived and discharged many of the important duties of a useful citizen. His disorder was an affection of the lungs; the long and severe pains of which were assuaged by the well grounded hopes of a christian. He has left a widow and a large family of children to lament the loss of a kind husband, and an indulgent parent.

[f p. 18]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 25th day of November 1783, in the name of William Sansom as Sergeant of Infantry for £77.7.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Ford and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
30th day of November 1846.

S/ Allen W. Morton, 1st Clk
acting in the absence
of the AUDITOR

[f p. 3-4: family register: children of William and Elisabeth Sansom:
William Sansom to Elisabeth D Napier was married March 18th 1790
Elisabeth D wife of W. Sansom was born November 19, 1775
Dorrel N. was born January 10th 1791
Nancy C. was born March 13th 1793
William Claiborne born February 19th 1796
Richard D. born August 21, 1798
Polley W. born December 10, 1800
Eliza F. born May 2, 1803]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836,
for her husband's service as a Sergeant in the 7th Virginia Regiment.]

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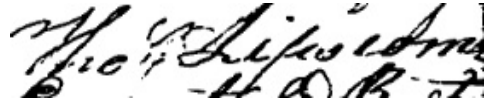
Addendum to William Sansom W311

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of Temple Froman (VAS3647).]

I do hereby Certify that William Sansom a Soldier in the Continental Army under Capt. Holt Richeson [VAS1954] in the Seventh Virginia Regiment which was commanded by Alexander McClanaham [sic: Alexander McClenachan VAS2033] served the full term of three years, Eighteen month of the time a Quarter Master. given under my hand this 1st day August 1814.

Tho. Lipscomb [Thomas Lipscomb]
Ens'gn to s'd Reg't.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos Lipscomb". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

King wm County to Wit. This day came Thomas Lipscomb personally before me and made oath to the above certificate, given under my hand as a magistrate for the afore said County this 1st day Aug't 1814

Jno Hill