

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sanders W3874

Mary Sanders

f99NC

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County:

Be it remembered that this being the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared before me Joshua H Chapman one of the acting Justices of the peace of the county of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for said County the same being a Court of Record John Sanders aged about 80 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

States that he entered in the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – that he resided in Dobbs County in the State of North Carolina sometime in the year 1777 he was Drafted to perform a three months Tour of Duty and he does not now remember his captain's name but the company which he belonged to was attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Cayewell [sic, Richard Caswell] and we marched to various places in the State of North Carolina and we had a battle with the Scotch at the cross Creek Bridge [Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776] where we defeated the Enemy completely Routed them and after my time of service had expired I received my discharge from the commanding officer and returned home. This applicant begs leave to represent that some short time after he had been discharged from the last above-mentioned Campaign he enlisted his services in the cause of his Country for some considerable time, how long he does not recollect, that Captain Shepherd [John Sheppard] commanded the Company to which this applicant belonged and that said company was tacked [sic, attached] to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Shepherd [Abraham Sheppard] and we were stationed to guard the magazine in the Town of Kingston [Kinston] where this applicant served his country for the term of six months as well as he now recollects and he was then discharged and he returned home. He does not know the number of said regiment he states that he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any living Testimony by whom he can prove his services.

Where and in what year were you born – where did you live when you were called into service and where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live [--] did you ever receive a discharge [--] tell the names of some of the regular officers who you know. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity accept the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Role of any agency of any State whatsoever. He states that the best of his knowledge he did serve in the Revolutionary war for the time of 9 months putting the whole together.

Sworn to & subscribed before me January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1833

S/ J. H. Chapman, Justice of the Peace

S/ John Sanders, X his mark

[Samuel McBee, a Baptist minister, gave a standard supporting affidavit. John Huddleston gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 16: On August 5, 1843 in Campbell County Tennessee, Mary Sanders, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Sanders, a Revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum; that she married him in August 1780; that her husband died April 6, 1833 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 2: family record]

Jesse Sanders the first Son of John Sanders and Mary His Wife Was Born August 17<sup>th</sup> in the Year of Our Lord 1781

John Sanders Son of the Same Was Born in September the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1783

Robard Sanders [Robert Sanders] Son of the same was born December 18 1785

William Sanders Son of the same was born January 10<sup>th</sup> 1788

Nancy Sanders Daughter of the same was born March 10<sup>th</sup> 1790

Isaac Sanders Son of the same was born February 17<sup>th</sup> 1794

Abraham Sanders Son of the same was born December 12, 1796

David Sanders Son of the same was born October 6, 1799

Samuel Sanders Son of the same was born August the 8<sup>th</sup> 1805 [last digit unclear]<sup>1</sup>

[Facts in file: The veteran and his wife were married in Surry County North Carolina on August 17, 1780; her maiden name was Mary Ann, or Molly, Stotts (or Statts); she died August 18, 1845 or August 27, 1847, both dates appearing in different documents in this file.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]