

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sawyers (Sawyer) W5979 Elizabeth f30VA
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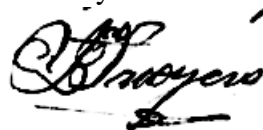
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State of Tennessee Robertson County

On this day being the thirteenth day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Robertson County now sitting James Sawyers a resident in the County of Robertson and State of Tennessee aged 66 years the 18th day of June last 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. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He states that he was enrolled as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Smith in Augusta County Virginia near Staunton sometime in the [word written over and indecipherable] of January 1781 and was placed in a Regiment commanded by Colonel George Moffett the balance of the officers not recollected & was marched straight to Guilford Court House [Guilford Court House] in North Carolina and was there in a battle [March 15, 1781] General Green [Nathanael Greene] was commander in chief. We retreated from there to an old iron works we stayed there a few days. I was sent from there home with some wounded men. The same year I volunteered again under Captain James Bell from the same place and was placed in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Lewis, William Long was 1st Major, Patrick Lockhart 2nd Major and marched through Richmond in Virginia to Williamsburg then to little York Joined General Washington and captured Cornwallis sometime in October 1781 [October 19, 1781], was then marched home and discharged he states that the whole service performed in both Tours was between six & seven months he states that he has no paper to show anything about his services nor does he know of any person living by which he can prove the same he hereby relinquishes Every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on nor ever was on any pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.
Test

S/ W. Leal, Clk

S/ J. Sawyers



[Thomas Gunn, a clergyman, and David Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Robertson County: This day being the 30th day of March 1833 personally appeared before me John Hutchison a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid James Sawyers who having made his declaration for a pension under the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 in the County Court for the County aforesaid on the 13th day of August 1832 to

which this is appended to comprise and formed a part of his declaration as an amendatory appendage, who being first duly sworn deposed and saith that in the original declaration to which this is appended he served a tour [tour] which is omitted to be therein mentioned to it that to the best of his recollection he entered the service in the Spring of the year 1780 as a volunteer under Captain James Tremble [James Trimble?] (by the consent of his father he not being then of militia age) to guard the frontiers of Greenbrier County State of Virginia against the Indians and served in said route four months this service being omitted in his first declaration was omitted in consequence of this applicant then not knowing or believing that he would be entitled to that service but being since advised that he would be entitled to that service declares to it in this his amendatory declaration, he also states that he was born in Augusta County Virginia in the year 1765 – he states that he has no record of his age that his father's house was burned by a Negro woman and only has this knowledge of his age by the affidavit of his mother he states that he himself personally received no discharges from the services that his father received his discharges and what ever became of them he knows not he states that there resides in his present neighborhood Wm C. Conrad, John Hutchison, Charles Colgin, Jesse Warren, James Jones and Richard Jones Esquire who are respectable citizens who can testify to his character for his veracity and their belief of his service in the Revolutionary War. He also states that in the whole of his service he served not less than 11 months for which he claims a pension under the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

S/ J. Sawyers

[f p. 13: On September 8, 1851 in Robertson County Tennessee, Elizabeth Sawyers, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of James Sawyers, a revolutionary pensioner; that she was married to him February 8, 1798; that her husband died September 1, 1836; that she remains his widow; that they were married by "one Joseph Dorris, a Baptist preacher the same who was out with General Jackson [Andrew Jackson] as chaplain in the war with the Creek Indians". She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 14: family record

James Sawyers & Elizabeth Roby was married Sept. the 8th in the year 1798

Nancy Sawyers was born March the 13th 1799]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]