

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sanders W5984

Elizabeth

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State of Virginia County of Loudoun: SS

On this 9th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Loudoun now sitting, James Sanders a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-one years, eleven months and twenty-two days, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision may by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the service of the United States as a private under Captain Edward Stuart [Edward Stewart?] about (as near as he can recollect) the 10th of January 1781, and marched from Loudoun County State of Virginia where he entered the service, and where he then resided, to Pittsburgh Pennsylvania where he joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Zach. Morgan [Zachariah Morgan] attached to the command of General Clark [George Rogers Clark] and marched down the Ohio River as far as the falls, and was employed in sundry scouting parties on, or near the Ohio River, while the Army was quartered at the falls, now called Louisville, and remained in service in that section of country under the same Captain and field officers until he received a discharge herewith enclosed – As the day of the month is omitted in said discharge he cannot be positive as to the precise time, but thinks it was not before the 10th of December 1781, making not less than eleven months in actual service, when he received his discharge, he further states, that he did not reach him until sometime in January 1782 he believes it was after the 10th day of the month, amounting to (at least) one year from the time of his engagement until his return home, for which service he claims a pension. He does not recollect (so as to speak positively) the time order term for which he engaged, but to the best of his recollection it was for a term not less than one year. He was never in any Battles or skirmishes, and as he was never associated with any of the regular troops, he cannot name any of the regular Officers or say anything in relation to the Continental Army. His discharge herewith enclosed is all the documentary evidence he has of his service and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the time of his service, – He has no record of his age now in his possession. His Father's family Bible, where his age is recorded, being taken off by a man by the name of Cockerille, who removed from the neighborhood; but if he is not mistaken he was born on the 18th of April 1761 in the County of Fairfax. He resided in Loudoun when called into service and there has been his place of residence ever since, and where he now resides. By reason of old age, infirmity and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period as above stated in this declaration. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state – Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Sanders

James Sanders

[Edward Hammat, William Thrift and David Beale gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 22]

Monongahela County December 81

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To whom it may Concern

S/ Zach. Morgan
Col Volenteers

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[f p. 8: copy of a marriage bond issued March 3, 1792 to James Saunders & Benjamin Saunders conditioned upon the marriage of said James Saunders to it Elizabeth Burton, spinster, in Loudoun County Virginia.]

[f p. 10: On August 9, 1838 in Loudoun County Virginia, Elizabeth Sanders, 69, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Saunders [sic], a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him April 1 1791 or 2 (she cannot say precisely as she has no record of her marriage); that her husband died October 3, 1833 and she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 19: On April 5, 1843 in Loudoun County Virginia Elizabeth Saunders, 74, filed for the renewal of her pension. This time she signed her affidavit as follows

Elizabeth Saunders

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.63 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]