

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sanderson (Sanderson) W5987 Jemima f47VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/13/12

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State of Tennessee Maury County: On this 20th day of November 1839 Personally appeared before me John E Stephenson an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Mrs. Jemima Sanderson a resident of said County aged eighty-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836. That she is the widow of William Sanderson who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution and served as follows. Viz. That her husband the said William Sanderson entered the service in the Virginia line as a volunteer on a tour of six months in the year 1772 or thereabouts under Colonel Scott and Major Cunningham. After returning home from this tour he entered the Service as a drafted – Militia Man for six months and was marched to Norfolk. After serving out this tour – he again entered the Service for twelve months – but this Declarant does not recollect whether it was as a regular or a Militia man but it was she thinks in the spring of 1777 and was marched to Valley Forge and there wintered. She thinks his officer's name was were Overton and Fletcher [word written over and could be Hatcher]<sup>1</sup> the last of whom was Major she thinks he served out this tour and returned home in 1778, she further Declares that in the year 1779 or '80 he – her husband – again entered the service for a tour she thinks of six months as a drafted militia man and was marched to Fredericksburg, but the name of his officers on this tour she does not recollect neither can she recollect the precise dates but does recollect that at that time she had 3 children. She further declares that she was married to the said William Sanderson in Cumberland County Virginia on the 20th day of June 1769 by a Protestant Preacher by the name of McLaurin and that the aforesaid William Sanderson died on the 16th of February 1808 and that she the said Jemima Sanderson has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by a reference to the proof hereto annexed. She has no documentary or record proof in support of her claim. Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and date above written.

S/ Jemima Sanderson, X her mark

S/ John E Stephenson, JP

[f p. 5: On February 26, 1841 in Maury County Tennessee, Nancy Sanderson [sic], gave testimony that she is the daughter of William and Jemima Sanderson; that she is their 3rd child agreeable to information she received from her father; that she is now in her 66 year having been born June 15, 1775; that during his lifetime her father's kept a family record containing the

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<sup>1</sup> a later witness indicates that the name of this officer was Hatcher

record of the births of his children but that such record has been lost or destroyed. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[In 1839, Anna Bond a resident of Wilson County Tennessee, 79, gave testimony that she was a relative of Jemima Saunderson; that she was present at the marriage of William and Jemima. Also, in the same year, Charlotte Meadors, 73, gave a supporting affidavit in which she states she was at that time a resident of Williamson County Tennessee; that she resided in the house of the soldier and his wife when he first entered the service. Me that Anna nor Charlotte state the relationship, if any, they had with the veteran and/or his wife.]

[f p 17]

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 29th day of May 1783, in the name of William Sunderson as a Soldier of Infantry for £19.12.7, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
7th day of April 1840.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]