

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Samuel Sentell W6017

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State of Georgia } SS.
Gwinnett County }

On this 2nd day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County Samuel Sentell a resident of the County of Dekalb [sic: De Kalb] in said State aged about seventy seven years 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 made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That the first tour of duty which he performed in the service of his Country was done in the County of Halifax North Carolina for three months in the year 1777 to the best of his recollection under Capt T. Powell and Lieut. Down guarding a Magazine in said County. That his second tour of duty was for nine months in the Militia service in the year 1778 and leaving it in 1779 under the following named officers - Capt G. Beasley - 1st Lieut Jos. Mumford - 2nd Lieut Jas. Power - we were told that these men were raised to fill up the old third Reg't of North Carolina Troops. The field officers were Major Hagy - Col Flinch and to the best of my recollection Brig'r. Genl. Hogan [sic: James Hogun] entered service in Halifax County North Carolina. Marched first to Philadelphia - from thence to the North River expecting to join Head quarters which I believe was at White Plains at that time — after crossing the North River and marching a few miles we were ordered up North River to West Point and was there employed in building a fort untill about the last of November being in cloath Tents and the weather cold we took up march for Philadelphia and went into winter quarters about the first of December and remained there till discharged the next Spring. And Deponent saith that his third Tour of service was performed in the year 1780 to the best of his recollection for three months under the following officers - Capt John Pitts - 1st Lieut Owens 2nd d[itt]o Henry Mitchell - entering service in Halifax County N. Carolina - field officers Col Sowel Major Philips Brig. Gen'l [Richard] Caswell. these Troops were raised for Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates Army as I understood - marched to Cheraw Hills on Peedee [Pee Dee River in SC] then the Company to which I belonged was stoped & stationed at Rogers Mills on Thompson Creek [Chesterfield County SC] to procure Corn & Meal for Gen'l Gates army until its defeat [at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. after the news of his defeat we marched back across Peedee and up toward Charlotte where we were discharged. during the last mentioned Tour of duty I acted as Sergeant though not orderly. And Deponent further saith that his fourth Tour of duty was performed in 1781 and that he entered the service for twelve months under Capt Robert Raiford - 1st Lieut Dixon 2nd do Hill - field officers Major [Joseph] Dixon Col Ash [sic: Lt. Col. John Baptist Ashe] - Gen'l [Jethro] Sumner. We marched to join Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and when he besieged Cambridge [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, about 7 miles N or Cambridge, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] he sent an express for one Battalion out of the Regiment and I belonged to the Battalion sent to Join him - immediately as intelligence had reached him that Lord Rawdon was then on his way to attack him with Superior force he then evacuated the place and marched for the High Hills of Santee where we joined him. We then marched up Santee crossed and fell in rear of the British and followed them to the Eutaw Springs, where we attacked and defeated them [8 Sep 1781] in which engagement I received a severe wound in my left breast which rendered me incapable of further duty for some time. I was sent with Lieut Dixon while we were incapable of duty from our wound to high Hills of Santee and there awaited the arrival of the Army where we still remained untill news reached us of the Capture of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] from thence we crossed Santee and marched to Dorchester about 25 [sic: about 40] miles from Charleston where I was discharged in April 1782 if my memory serves me correctly during which time of twelve months I done Sergeant's duty as aforesaid. And Deponent also saith that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service That he was born in Brunswick County State of Virginia as he believes in the year 1759. That he has no record of his age which he can procure - was informed when young that he was baptized & that his name was recorded in the Church of England in the Parish of Dinwiddie County State

of Virginia. That he was living in Halifax County State of North Carolina when he entered the service. That he served in the three first Tours of duty as a Volunteer and in the last also as a Volunteer. That he lost or mislaid his discharges
Deponent states that he is known to the Hon. J. F. Clanton M. Congress, Hon. Walter Colquitt[?], Robert M Echols Esq & Martin D Rogers and William Maltbee who he does not doubt will testify to his character for veracity & belief of service as a soldier of the revolution. That 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 and that he lived since the revolutionary war a few years in North Carolina twenty five or thirty years in South Carolina & the balance of the time in Georgia
[signed] Samuel Sentell

State of Georgia } On this 11th May Eighteen hundred and fifty five
Fulton County } personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the
County and State aforesaid Nancy Sentell Aged 92 years a resident of
Fulton County State of Georgia who being duly Sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Samuel Sentell deceased who enlisted and served the following turns (viz) 3 months in 1777 in the North Carolina militia Also 6 months in 78 & 79 in North Carolina Also 3 months in 1780 in the Revolution War and Enlisted for the terms above Stated and finally enlisted in April 1781 in the 8th Regiment - North Carolina line and was finally and honorably discharged April 25th 1782. She further states that she was married to the said Samuel Sentell in North Carolina 1782 on the [blank] day of [blank] by one Thomas Harvey Baptist Preacher in said County Halifax N.C. and that her name before her said marriage was Nancy Stephens that her said husband died at home in the County of Fulton State of Georgia 20th February 1844 and that she is now a widow drawing a pension. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd 1855
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NOTE: On 5 June 1845 in De Kalb County GA Nancy Sentell applied for a pension stating that she and Samuel Sentell moved from Halifax County to Chester and Edgefield Districts SC, then to Jones, Newton, Walton, Campbell [sic], and De Kalb counties in GA, and that he died 20 Feb 1844 in De Kalb County, where they had lived for nearly seven years. She stated that she was the daughter of John Stephens who died about 20 years previously, and was "upwards of Eighty years of age." With this application she submitted an original register of her children as follows:
William Sentell was born Sept 18th, 1783
Nathan Sentell was born January 18th, 1785.
Elizabeth Sentell was born March 1st, 1787.
Samuel Sentell was born January 7th, 1791.
John Sentell was born March 6th, 1793.
Sarah Sentell was born Sept. 16th, 1795.
Britton Sentell was born January 27th, 1797.
Hetty Sentell was born March 13th, 1801
Martain T. Sentell was born Feby 27th, 1803.
Nancy Sentell was born March 3rd 1806