

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Frederick Sowers (Sauers) W6144
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State of Virginia } Ss.
County of Page. }

On this 24 day of October 1836, personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Page now sitting, Mary Sauers (or Sowers) a resident of said County of Page in the State of Virginia, the widow of Frederick Sauers (or Sowers) aged about 70 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, of the Revolutionary services of her said deceased husband, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That the said Frederick Sowers enlisted, (as she often heard him say) in the Army of the United States, in the year 1779, with Major [George] Slaughter's Battalion, and served in the Illinois Regiment, under the following named officers:

The he enlisted as above while living in the County of Shenandoah (from which Page was formed). She is not certain that Captain Benjamin Roberts enlisted him, but always understood that he was some time with Robert's Company of Slaughter's Battalion. That it was called Clarke's [sic: George Rogers Clark's] Regiment. that she does not know the particular circumstances of his service further, that she has heard from him and others, has heard him speak of skirmishes with the Indians, and knows that he came home when the War was over, she thinks in 1781, and has often heard from him and others, that he served out the enlistment, which was for two years. that he died on the 12 day of August 1832. she hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and declares that to the best of her knowledge and belief, the name of the said Frederick is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.
Mary herXmark Sowers

[The document transcribed as follows is in the file:]

October the 11 1781 fort Nelson the falls of Ohio [at present Louisville KY]
Sir please to pay Unto frederick Sowers the Sum of Nineteen hundred & fifty Dollars for Vallu
Received By Me Silas Bollar Silas hisXmark Bolar
to the pay Master of Colonell Crocketts [Joseph Crockett's] Ridgment
[On the other side:] Test/ Thos. Young [Thomas Young] Capt.

NOTES:

Sowers made the following statement in support of the pension application of William Brinkley (R1215):
Virginia. Shenandoah County Sct
I Frederick Saur, do solemnly swear, that William Brinkley who is at this time, an inhabitant of Shenandoah county Virginia, was an enlisted soldier for the term of 2 years in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Abraham Tipton, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Joseph Crocket in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment of the United States, in the army of the Revolution and that he continued to serve in the said corps until he was discharged after the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]

That the said William Brinkley and I both served in our Company and were discharged at the same time; but as to the precise time of his enlistment, or discharge, I cannot say, but think it was in the year 1781 in the winter times, when he was discharged – November 4th 1821
Frederick hisXmark Sowers

On 4 Nov 1834 William Smith (pension application S7548) stated that he had served in the same regiment with Sowers.

The above application of Mary Sowers was for the amount her husband would have drawn up to his death had he applied. On 5 Sep 1838 Mary Sowers, 75, applied for a pension as a widow, stating that she married Frederick Sowers on 11 Mar 1783, and he died 11 Aug 1832. One Adam Sowers certified the marriage. The file contains a copy of the marriage return showing that Jacob Snider officiated at the marriage of Frederick Sower and Mary Roddolph on 12 Mar 1783 in Shenandoah County. On 16 Nov 1843 her name was given as Ann Mary Sowers, and her age as 81.