

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sampson Tramel (Tramell) W6313 Susan Trammell f74NC/SC
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State of Kentucky, Clay County: Sct.

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Clay Circuit Court Sampson Tramell a resident of Clay County Kentucky aged 82 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That in Rutherford County State of North Carolina the year forgotten he was drafted for three months in the Militia of North Carolina in the Revolutionary War in Captain James Cook's Company in the Regiment commanded by William Grimes [sic, William Graham], his Lieutenant was George Taylor Ensign James Miller. Very shortly after this engagement the Battle of Stono¹ took place in South Carolina occurred when he entered the service he lived in Rutherford County North Carolina, and during this engagement he was stationed on the frontiers of Rutherford County N. C. to guard a fort and the frontiers, when he had served out his term of three months he was discharged verbally by his Captain aforesaid.

Next in 1781 in Rutherford County N. C. where he lived, he enlisted for ten months under Captain Philip Walters [sic, Philemon Waters] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Middleton [sic, Charles Myddleton] in the State Troops of South Carolina, His Lieutenant was Samuel Jackson, His Major was Moore, and under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], he was marched from Rutherford N. C. to the Congaree River S. C., thence to Ancrum's Place, S.C., thence back to the Congaree River, thence to Orangeburg S. C. thence to the four holes bridge, thence back to Orangeburg where he was honorably discharged (verbally) by Captain Walters, which was after Wallace [sic, Lord Cornwallis] surrendered [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]. None of the men as he knows of got written discharges, but when he was dismissed his term of service had expired. On this route he knows of no regular Officers. He was in no battles. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the Present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any State, nor has ever been. He was born in Fairfax County Virginia. Has no record of his age. He has described where he lived & how he entered the service, each time on his own account. Remembers no regular Officers when out. He received no written discharge. As to his character he refers to his neighbors John Johnston, Shed Johnston, Elijah Dotson. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Sampson Tramel, X his mark

[William Strong, William Morris, Elijah Dotson, & Joseph Hatten gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1 The Battle of Stono Ferry occurred on June 20, 1779.

[p 73: On May 21, 1834 in Morgan County Indiana, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency; he describes himself as being in a company commanded by Captain Philip Waters [Philemon Waters] in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Middleton; he gave as the reason for moving from Kentucky to Indiana that he wanted to live with his only child, a son now living in Indiana. He signed this document with his mark.]

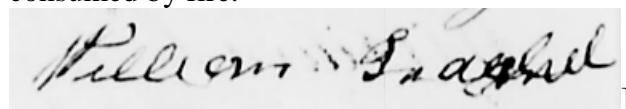
[p 13: On August 13, 1851, in Hendricks County Indiana, Sarah Tramel, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she married Sampson sometime in 1798 or 1799 and that Sampson died on March 28, 1838. He signed her application with her mark.]

[p 18: On May 24, 1852 in Greene County Ohio, William Saunders gave testimony that he is well acquainted with Susan Tramel, his sister, who married Sampson Tramel, a revolutionary war pensioner; that his sister and Sampson Tramel were married in Spartanburg County South Carolina sometime in the year 1797; that he witnessed their marriage.



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[p 20: On December 4, 1855 in Boone County Indiana, William Tramel gave testimony that he is the only living child of Sampson and Susan Tramel; that he was born in Spartanburg County South Carolina in the year 1802; that his father was a revolutionary war pensioner; that his parents told him they were married in Spartanburg South Carolina in the year 1797; that affiant made out a record of the births of his parents children which he kept for many years until it was consumed by fire.



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[p 59: On February 14, 1856 in Boone County Indiana, William Trammel gave testimony that he had a brother younger than himself whose name he believes was Daniel and who died at the age of 2 ½ years; that affiant was named after his uncle William Sanders; that his uncle made a record of affiant's birth which record shows that affiant was born in 1798 which affiant believes to be true.]

[p 63: On March 17, 1856 in Rockbridge Missouri, John Sanders gave testimony that Sampson and Susan Tramel were married before the year 1800; that affiant distinctly recollects that the marriage took place when affiant was in school when his sister was married.



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the North Carolina and South Carolina militias. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name"

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South Carolina State

Know all Men by these presents that I Samson Tramel [sic] A Soldier in Colonel Myddleton's [Charles S Myddelton's] Regiment of Light Dragoons & Captain Waters [Philemon Waters] Troop have bargained & sold & made over & by these presents do bargain and sell & make over to Lieutenant Samuel Jackson of said Regiment & Troop aforesaid one grown Negro according to General Sumter's [Brigadier General Thomas Sumter's] proclamation of a grown Negro to Each Soldier that enlists himself in the State troops & serves his time for the space of ten months giving him the said Lieutenant Samuel Jackson full power to Draw my Draft to take & keep the said Negro for his use & I do forever by these presents Quit the said Samuel Jackson & the public of any lawful Claim or Claims to the Negro [by] me my heirs or assigns as witness my hand & seal this the 23rd day of February A.D. 1782

Signed & delivered in the presence of
S/ Thomas Jackson

S/ Samson Tramil, X his mark

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Please pay to Thomas Franklin or order all the Indents Belonging to me and this Receipt shall be your discharge for value Received

To the treasurers
of South Carolina

October [illegible] 1782 [?]

S/ Samson Tramel, X his mark