

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sandefer (Sandifer) W8698 Martha f46VA
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I James Sandifer of the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky do hereby state on oath that I enlisted with Captain Saml Hopkins [Samuel Hopkins] at Mecklenburg court house he believes in the fall 1776 and served two years as a regular Soldier of the Continental Army during the revolutionary war in the 6th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Buckner [Mordecai Buckner] under General Lewis [Andrew Lewis] part of the time & General Lee [Charles Lee?] part of the time I was at the Battle of Stony Point [January 16, 1779] with General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and was honorably discharged from Captain Hopkins' Company at the time commanded by Abram Clay [sic, probably Abijah Clay] in the Fall 1778 at Williamsburg, but it has been so long since that I have lost or mislaid my discharge and am now old and unable to support myself by ordinary Industry & so reduced in my circumstances that I stand in need of assistance from my country for support. I also release all further claim I may have on the United States for a pension.

S/ James Sandefer



[James Clark & James Hicks gave a supporting affidavit dated October 5, 1818 in which they state they lived in Mecklenburg County at the same time as James Sandifer and know that he enlisted and served in the Continental Army and that they now live in the same County with said Sandifer.]

[The above application was attested November 13, 1818 by the clerk of Mercer County Kentucky]

[f p. 21]

Mercer County Sct. October County Court 1820

James Standefer Revolutionary Soldier produced into Court the following Schedule, to wit, 8 schedule of the whole estate & income of James Sandifer a Pensioner of the United States under the act of Congress of March 18th 1818 as per certificate of Secretary of War dated 3rd day of February 1819 No. 6357

Schedule	Value
3 hogs	\$10
1 ax	1.50

one hoe

1.25
\$12.75

S/ James Sandifer

I James Sandifer of the County of Mercer & State of Kentucky at this time about seventy years of age & very weak in body & a pensioner of the United States under the act of March 18th 1818 do hereby solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed & I have no family but a wife I have but 4 children who have long since left me.

S/ James Sandifer

[f p. 12: On October 8, 1836 in Mercer County Kentucky, Martha Sandefer, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of James Sandefer, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him January 29th, 1781 in Mecklenburg County Virginia; that her husband died the 22nd or 23rd day of June in the year 1825 to the best of her recollection. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 14: On September 24, 1836, in Mercer County Kentucky at the Tavern House of J. Calvert, Martha Sandefer, 72, gave testimony in support of the application of Martha Sandefer, widow of James Sandifer as follows: deponent is the widow of Henry Sandifer; her maiden name was Taylor; that James was the brother of her husband; that James and Martha were married December in 1781 and that she and her husband were married a few years thereafter; that deponent and her husband removed to Kentucky about 40 years ago and James and his wife and family removed from Virginia to Kentucky about 10 years afterwards; that she has a distinct recollection of James Sandifer having served in the revolutionary war she thinks in the character of a Lieutenant in Captain Samuel Hopkins company; the oldest child of James and Martha Sandifer was born on Christmas day after their marriage; James and Martha had 10 children altogether, only 3 of whom are now living.

Martha Sandifer

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[f p. 10: Deposition dated September 24, 1836 given by Martha Sandifer, daughter of James and Martha Sandifer, given in support of her mother's application for a pension; she states that she was born in 1786 in Mecklenburg County Virginia; that her father died about the year 1824 or 5; at the time of his death he was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she took from an old book the family record; that her parents had ten children in all, only three of whom are now living; that her mother has remained unmarried since the death of her father.

Martha Sandifer

The attestation of her affidavit

refers to her as Miss Patsy Sandefer.]

[f p. 19: On September 24, 1836 in Berryville Mercer County Kentucky, Sarah Blake, about 70, gave testimony that she is the niece of James Sandifer; that he married in the year 1781 Martha Coleman in Mecklenburg County Virginia; that she was at their wedding; that James Sandifer was absent in service in the revolutionary war in the capacity of a Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Hopkins.

Sally Blake

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[Facts in file: the only children of the veteran and his wife named in the file are as follows:

Mary born December 25, 1781

Martha or Patsy born November 13, 1786

Robert born October 1790]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 13, 1818 for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]