

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sanders<sup>1</sup> W8702

Elizabeth Sanders f66NC

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State of South Carolina District of Pickens: SS

On this 11<sup>th</sup> [?] day of November 1846 personally appeared before the Honorable Josiah J Evans Judge of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas for said District, Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders a resident of the same District and State, aged Eighty-one years (and who I certify is unable to bodily infirmity to attend in open Court) who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, and the several acts in continuation thereof: That she is the widow of John Sanders who was a private in the militia in the War of the Revolution, and that herself & husband both resided in Chatham County North Carolina at the time of his entering the service, and she always understood from her said husband that he was out two tours of three months each as a volunteer, and during [one] of them, taken prisoner by Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] and carried near to Wilmington, a distance of near one hundred miles, there were several others taken at the same time as she understood, all of whom were so badly treated that they nearly all died, she cannot recollect the names of the Officers under whom he served, although she has often heard him speak of them. She has often heard him conversing with those with whom he served, and by their conversations, she is satisfied he served at least six months.

She further declares that she was married to her said husband John Sanders in Chatham County North Carolina by a Justice of the Peace by the name of Harmon, on the thirteenth day of June 1783, and a few years afterwards moved to South Carolina – her husband the aforesaid John Sanders died in this District on the 7 day of April 1823 and she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by the proof here with Sent.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the date above

S/ Josiah J Evans

S/ Elizabeth Sanders, X her mark

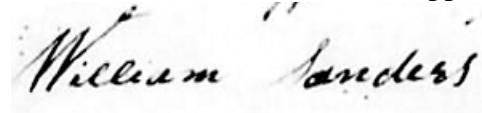
[p 10: On December 20, 1847 in Union District South Carolina, Frances Lamb, an aged woman, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with John Sanders and his wife Elizabeth Ray; that she was present at their marriage in the summer of 1783; that they were married by a magistrate named Zacariah Harmon [Zachariah Harmon] in Chatham County North Carolina where they lived until they had one child when they moved to Union District South Carolina where they

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stayed only a short time before they moved back to Chatham County North Carolina; that they moved from Chatham County to South Carolina then to Georgia then to Pickens South Carolina where they remained until John Sanders died; "Deponent further states that she heard John Sanders say he was taken prisoner by Fannon [sic] together with several others and carried to or near Wilmington a prisoner and was Badly treated by shutting them in a store room and several of them died by such treatment." She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 17: On January 16, 1851 in Pickens District South Carolina, William Sanders, an old gentleman, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John Sanders and his wife Elizabeth who lived a neighbor to him for many years; that he has often heard the veteran talk of being taken prisoner by Fanning and carried to Wilmington and suffered ill-treatment; that the veteran served several tours in the place of his father for 2 years or more and one or 2 tours on his own footing but was disposed to go in his father's place in order that his mother and the rest of family not be left without his father's support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Sanders". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

The relationship, if any, of the affiant to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran's widow was pitching at the rate of \$20 per annum for her husband's service as a private in the North Carolina militia for 6 months.]