

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Sanders W8703

Sally

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State of Kentucky Gallatin County: Sct.

Sally Sanders a resident of the County of Gallatin and State of Kentucky aged near 79 years who being duly sworn according to law made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed July __ 1836.

She states and declares that from the best information she has that she will be 79 years of age in August 1837 – that she now lives in Gallatin County Kentucky on Eagle Creek near the line between Gallatin County and Owen County. That she was born in Caroline County Virginia and that her maiden name was Sally Pattie. She states she was married in the said County of Caroline Virginia at the house of her father James Pattie in the month of June 1776 to Nathan Sanders Senior by the Reverend Abner Waugh and that her said husband N. Sanders Senior died on the __day of October 1826 in the County of Gallatin Kentucky. She further states that she has not married since his death but is still his widow.

She further states and declares that she knows but little of the services of her said husband but is satisfied that he did serve before their marriage in the War of the Revolution. She has heard him speak of the battle of Québec & the Battle of Bunkers Hill but she does not know whether he was in either of the battles. He was according to his own act [?] 85 years of age when he died. She states and declares that not long after their marriage her said husband engaged in the service and he was often times out from the family for months at a time in the service of his country during said war. She states that she cannot pretend to say for her memory is so treacherous that she cannot rely upon it how many tours of duty he served during the said war or the length of his tours but she knows that after she was married to him he served more than two years in said war and she further states that he was according to her best information at the siege of York & capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. She further states that she & her said husband moved to Kentucky in very early times and that her said husband acted as an Indian Spy and Indian fighter for a long time how long she cannot now say but she knows for a long time and she has understood that his services were of great benefit to the early settlers of the Country. She further states that after their marriage in 1776 her said husband during the revolutionary war did not take time from his services to cultivate a crop and that the main labor devolved on her this declarant. She states that she has no documentary evidence of the services of her husband and that she has now no certain knowledge of any person by whom she can prove them.

He that she is in the firm of body so much so that she cannot at this season of the year attend court.

Sworn & subscribed this 3rd day of February 1837.

S/ Sally Sanders

Sally Sanders

[S. Calvert and R. R. Hawkins gave a supporting affidavit.

[f p. 14: On February 7, 1837 in Bracken County Kentucky, Anne Pattie, 85 or 86 years of age, gave testimony that she is the sister of Nathaniel Sanders deceased who she knows to have been a soldier in the revolution and an Indian spy; that he married Sally Pattie at the house of James Pattie in Caroline County Virginia she believes in the year 1776; that most of the service rendered by Nathaniel Sanders was rendered after he was married. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for his service as a private in the Virginia militia for 6 months.]