

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Van Sickle (Sickle) W93 Hannah

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New Jersey Somerset County: SS

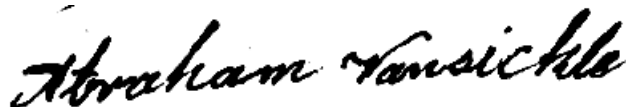
The declaration under Oath of Abraham Van Sickle formerly of Virginia, now an inhabitant of the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey aforesaid, who was a Soldier in the revolutionary war, he having become infirm and needy and who now claims a pension, under the pension act of Congress passed 18th of March 1818

He the said Abraham Van Sickle, being duly sworn, on the holy Evangelist – before me Nicholas Arrosmith, one of the Judges of the inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Somerset aforesaid, deposeth and saith that he the said Abraham Van Sickle enlisted for three years as a private in the service of the United States at Barckley [Berkeley?] Town in New Virginia, in Captain Mitchel's [Mitchell's] Company, in the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Wood, in General Scott's Brigade, on or about the 22nd day of January in the year 1777. And continued as a soldier in the said Service until the 22nd day of January 1780, making the full time of three years, part of which time, this deponent says he served in General Washington's life Guards and at the expiration of three years, to wit, on the 22nd day of January 1780, he this deponent got his discharge, at Morris Town in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, of Major Gibbs who then commanded the said life Guards – which discharge this deponent says he left a long time ago in Virginia, with one Captain Kerney [possibly Capt. John Kerney of Berkeley County, Virginia], for him to get his 100 acres of land which this deponent was entitled to, And that he has never been to Virginia since – therefore he cannot produce his discharge – And further this deponent saith, that from his reduced Circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Taken, Subscribed and Sworn before me the 10th day of April A.D. 1818

S/ Nicholas Arrosmith

S/ Abraham Vansickle



District of New Jersey on the twenty fourth day of June 1820 Personally appeared in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas holden at Somerville in and for the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey (the same being a court of record proceeding according to the course of the common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & keeping a record of its proceedings & it also having the power both of fine and imprisonment) Abraham Van Sickle aged sixty-three

years a resident in the Township of [indecipherable word<sup>1</sup>] in said County State & District aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows – That on the twenty second day of January in the year 1777, he enlisted in the State of Virginia for the term of three years in the company commanded by Captain Mitchel in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wood, commanding the 12th Virginia Regiment that he continued in said Regiment commanded by Colonel Wood about 14 months & was then transferred to the life guards of the great & memorable General George Washington, that he continued in said guard until the twenty second day of January in the year 1780, when he was discharged from said service in Morristown in the State of New Jersey by Major Gibbs, that he was in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] in Pennsylvania & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service (his discharge being lost and out of his possession) and the deponent saith that his original declaration to the best of his recollection bears date the 10th day of April 1818 – & the Number of the pension certificate is (5361) marked on the back thereof –

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Real estate I have none –

Personal Estate – I am possessed of four cows \$17, two year old heifers \$8, two year old calves \$5, nine old sheep six lambs \$15, three swine \$12 – four [indecipherable] \$3, two old tubs \$00.75, two pails \$00.63 ½, tea kettle \$00.50, six old chairs \$1.00, lott of coopers tools \$2.00, six pewter plates \$00.75, six earthen plates and dishes \$1.50, iron [indecipherable] wagon \$8, one old horse sleigh \$4 – three tubbs \$3. Total \$111. 13 ½

And this deponent further saith that he is by occupation a cooper that in consequence of Rheumatism he is helpless & has been for so long time unable to pursue his occupation or any kind of labor to support himself. That he has a wife of the age of sixty-three years at times able to support herself at other times not able, occasioned by pain in her breast & other complaints accompanying her sex & age, and that without the assistance of Government he will soon be depending on the charity of his Township.

Sworn & declared in open court 24th of June 1820

S/ Abraham Van Sickle, X his mark

[f p 12: On January 26, 1839 in Somerset County New Jersey, Hannah Van Sickle, 82, widow of the veteran, filed for a pension under the 1836 act stating that she was married to the veteran on the 31st day of January 1779 or 1780; she recollects that he served in the revolutionary war after her marriage took place; the marriage was performed by the Reverend Mr. Kennedy, a Presbyterian Minister living in the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset – That her husband died about the 26th of February 1830 and that she remains his widow. She signed her name with her mark but the last name was spelled "Van Sichel" by the scribe. In a later filing,

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<sup>1</sup> *Abraham Van Sickle*

the widow stated that her husband died the 26 day of February 1831.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 10th, 1818 for 3 years service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]

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Addendum to Abraham Van Sickle W93

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 23 June 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of New Jersey, Somerset county Ss.

Personally appeared before me A. S. Van-arsdale one of the Justices of the peace in and for the said County Abraham Van Sickle of S. County who being sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God did depose and say that he served as a private soldier in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary war three full years, that he was inlisted in Berkley county Virginia by Lieutenant Col. Swearingin [probably Van Swearingen W5415] and under Capt'n Mitchel [Joseph Mitchell R9859] and was attached to the 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line under command of Col. Wood [James Wood BLWt2419-500], that he served in said Regiment fourteen Months, and was then enlisted from s'd Regiment and attached to the life guards of (the great and illustrious) Gen'l. Washington and then served the remainder of the three years for which he inlisted, that he received his discharge at Morristown New Jersey on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1780, and that his discharge has got away out of his power to give it in evidence of his faithful services, and further this deponent saith not

Signed & Sworn before  
me the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1819

Abraham hisXmark Van Sickle