

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sands W986

Susanna

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State of North Carolina County of Stokes: SS

On this the 12th day of March 1833, personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County Court of pleas & quarter Sessions in and for the County of Stokes in the State of North Carolina, now sitting, William Sands a resident of said County of Stokes aged seventy-eight years on the 5th day of the present month (March 1833), who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served under the following named officers as herein stated, to wit.

I first entered the service in the year 1780 or the year 1781 (but cannot from great age and consequent loss of memory state the precise day or year) as a volunteer, for eight months in the company commanded by Captain Charles Irvy [Charles Irby], Lieutenant Thomas Jones, Peter Robison 2nd Lieutenant this was in Notaway [Nottoway] County in the State of Virginia. We were a company of horse men, called volunteers, we marched from Nottoway County Virginia towards North Carolina, and reached Guilford Courthouse North Carolina a few days after the battle at that place [March 15, 1781], we then passed on through South Carolina, passed a place called Pine Tree [Camden], at this place I think it was, that Captain Conyer or Conner, took charge of our company, he as I understood was a Regular officer. From Pine Tree we marched on to Great Pedee River, thence to Great Santee, where we stormed a Fort [possibly Fort Watson, April 15-23, 1781] which was in possession of about 80 Tories and 70 British, we captured the Fort and took the most of the enemy prisoners – the Tories as I understood were sent to Camden to have their trials, and the British were exchanged was sent home on parole. At the taking of the said Fort on Santee, we were under command of General Marion & Colonel Fetherfew [?], Captain Washington & Captain Lee, both afterwards called Colonels as I believe being commanders of the horse, after sundry other marchings in that quarter after the Tories we were time being out were marched towards home, we reached home, after a service of ten months at the least for which time I claim a pension.

I was born in Hampton, Elizabeth City County Virginia in the year 1755 –

There was a record of my age made in a Bible which belonged to my father, which was burnt by the British in the time of the war.

When called into the service I lived in Nottoway County Virginia since the war I have lived in Nottoway County, Charlotte County, Henry County, Patrick County, Virginia and I now live in Stokes County North Carolina.

I volunteered in the horse company as before stated. I do not recollect the names of any other officers of the regular service, but those already mentioned, I never received any written discharge. I was a private soldier during the ten months aforesaid. I have no documentary

evidence of any service but I have obtained the affidavit of Coleman Knight who resides in Patrick County Virginia who has testified that he saw me in the service, which affidavit of the said Coleman Knight is herewith submitted.

I am well acquainted with James Robison and Henry Carter, persons of my neighborhood who can and will testify as to my veracity and their belief of my service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State Territory or District. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Sands, X his mark

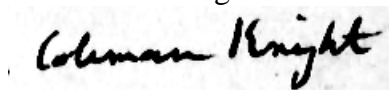
S/ Jno Hill, CCC

[James Robertson and Henry Carter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Patrick County State Virginia October 5, 1832

I do hereby Certify that at sometime during the revolutionary war that Captain Charles Irby's Company paraded at my father's house in Nottoway County & state aforesaid & that William Sands was one of those in the capacity of a Soldier and I understood that they were destined for a Southern expedition.

S/ Coleman Knight



[f p. 15: On February 25, 1840 in Stokes County North Carolina, Susanna since, 71 on the 13th of October last past made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Sands, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Amelia County Virginia March 18, 1789; that they were married by the Reverend John Finney; that her husband died in Sullivan County Tennessee November 5, 1836 and that she remains his widow; that she and her husband had 8 children the 1st born Sally Bourne 28th January 1790, 2nd Nancy born October 10, 1793; 3rd John born October 4th, 1796 4th William born September 28, 1798; 5th Elizabeth; 6th James; 7th Polly; & 8th Patsy with about 2 years between each of her last named children. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 17: James Sands, son of the veteran and his wife, gave a supporting affidavit dated March 14, 1840 in Stokes County North Carolina



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[f p. 5: copy of a marriage bond dated March 12, 1789 issued to William Sands and Richard Bennett in Amelia County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of William Sands to Susannah Bennett.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like

amount.]