

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Sampson Tramel (Tramell) W6313

Susan

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State of Kentucky, Clay County

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Clay Circuit Court Sampson Tramell a resident of Clay County Kentucky aged 82 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That in Rutherford County State of North Carolina the year forgotten he was drafted for three months in the Militia of North Carolina in the Revolutionary War in Captain James Cook's Company in the Regiment commanded by William Grimes, his Lieutenant was George Taylor Ensign James Miller. Very shortly after this engagement the Battle of Stono¹ took place in South Carolina occurred when he entered the service he lived in Rutherford County North Carolina, and during this engagement he was stationed on the frontiers of Rutherford County N. C. to guard a fort and the frontiers, when he had served out his term of three months he was discharged verbally by his Captain aforesaid.

Next in 1781 in Rutherford County N. C. where he lived, he enlisted for 10 months under Captain Philip Walters in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Middleton in the State Troops of South Carolina, His Lieutenant was Samuel Jackson, His Major was Moore, and under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], he was marched from Rutherford N. C. to the Congaree River S. C., thence to Ancrum's Place, S.C., thence back to the Congaree River, thence to Orangeburg S. C. thence to the four holes bridge, thence back to Orangeburg where he was honorably discharged (verbally) by Captain Walters, which was after Wallace [sic, Lord Cornwallis] surrendered. None of the men as he knows of no written discharges, but when he was dismissed his term of service had expired. On this route he knows of no regular Officers. He was in no battles. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the Present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any State, nor has ever been. He was born in Fairfax County Virginia. Has no record of his age. He has described where he lived & how he entered the service, each time on his own account. Remembers no regular Officers when out. He received no written discharge. As to his character he refers to his neighbors John Johnston, Shed Johnston, Elijah Dotson. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Sampson Tramel, X his mark

[William Strong, William Morris, Elijah Dotson, & Joseph Hatten gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On August 13, 1851, in Hendricks County Indiana, Sarah Tramel, 80, filed for a widow's pension stating that she married Sampson sometime in 1798 or 1799 and that Sampson died on March 28, 1838.]

[facts in file: Susan and Sampson married in Spartanburg County, SC; about 1817 they moved to Indiana; in 1855, William Tramel of Boone County, Indiana, claimed to be the only living child of Susan and Sampson Tramel, that he was born in Spartanburg County, SC in 1802; Susan's maiden name was Saunders or Sanders; Susan and Sampson had two children, William and Daniel who William says died at age 2 ½ in Spartanburg County, SC; Susan had at least two brothers, William Sanders living in Greene County, Ohio in 1852 and John Sanders, 80, living in Rockbridge, Ozark County, Missouri in 1852.]

¹ The Battle of Stono Ferry occurred on June 20, 1779.