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Pension application of William Sanders R9183 Transcribed by Will Graves f27NC 11/20/16

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The State of Alabama Jefferson County SS: Circuit Court May Term 1833

On this eighth day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Honorable John White one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of said State, William Sanders a resident of the County and State aforesaid, age 73 years in June next who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He entered the service of the United States on the 19th day of April 1779 under the following named Officers his Captain was by the name of Lanier, whose Company was attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Johnson from North Carolina, he thinks Bute County is general was by the name of Butler [John Butler]; The Commander-in-chief of the forces to which you belong was General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] – during this term of service he was in the Army three months and marched from North Carolina through the State of South Carolina, crossed the Savanna River at Augusta, and marched in the direction of Briar Creek, but receiving information that the enemy had re-crossed the river, they were ordered to re-cross also from there they were marched to a place called Bacons bridge on Ashley River, they returned from there in the direction of Stono, and camped in an old field for several weeks within 8 or 10 miles of that place. It was during their stay in the last mentioned place that the Battle of Stono was fought on the 20th of June 1779. In 1781 he entered the service again as a Volunteer, against the British & Hessians at Wilmington North Carolina in this tour he served one month. In the next year 1782, it was in April of that year, that the Town of Beaufort in North Carolina was taken by the enemy, and he then volunteered and served for two weeks in which time they had a slight engagement with the enemy in which they wounded some and took some prisoners – in the two last mentioned terms of service he was a Sergeant. He was born in the State of North Carolina Cartright County [probably Carteret County], and removed from there to Williamson County State of Tennessee, from there to Christian County Kentucky – from there to Jefferson County Alabama where he now lives, he has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Role of the Agency of any State.

S/ William Sanders

William Sander

[Hosea Holcomb, a clergyman, and John Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]