## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Anthony Sonner S4870 Transcribed by Will Graves f11VA 3/14/12

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## The State of Ohio Highland County SS

On this 10th day of April A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Anthony Sonner a resident of Highland County Ohio aged seventy-two 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

The following Questions were propounded to said Anthony Sonner to which the annexed answers were returned to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> Question Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Shenandoah County in the state of Virginia in the year 1761.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age? I have a record of my age at home.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: were you drafted?

I was living in Shenandoah County when called into service. I served 3 tours I was each time drafted for the Virginia militia.

- 4. Where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live? After the close of my service in the revolutionary war I returned to Millerstown Shenandoah County Virginia where I resided 18 years I then removed to Highland County Ohio where I have ever since resided.
- 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service.

I was drafted in October A.D. 1777 in Shenandoah County Virginia – & was altogether in the company of Virginia militia commanded by Captain John Brown. I marched with my company from Millerstown (or Woodstock) in said County to guard the British prisoners to Winchester Barracks Virginia I remained with Captain Brown's Company at Winchester Barracks guarding said prisoners for 3 months during the winter of 1777 – when I was discharged by said Captain & returned to Shenandoah County. In the spring of 1778 I was again drafted [the balance of this page only appears on the HeritageQuest.com version having been cut off from the digital image on Fold3.com] for the Virginia militia in Shenandoah County Virginia for a three months tour, I cannot recollect any of the officers under whom I served this tour. After serving one month I hired a substitute to serve during the remaining two months & returned again to Shenandoah County. In the month of June 1781 I was again drafted in Shenandoah or County Virginia for the Virginia militia for a 3 months tour under Captain \_\_ Small. The name of the Major of our

Regiment was Welsh & the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Dark. I marched under the above named officers immediately after I was drafted to a place near Richmond Virginia called Moppen's hill [Malvern Hills] we remained there about two weeks. I remained in the vicinity of Richmond under the command of said officers for nearly three months. We were marched to a place called West Point Virginia at the junction of the Rappahannock & James Rivers – about two weeks before I was discharged I was discharged near West Point three months after I was drafted – by Captain Small (I think). At the time I was on service for the last three months the British Army under General Cornwallis was in Virginia. & Cornwallis with his Army were taken prisoners by the Americans about a month after I was discharged at Yorktown Virginia. I cannot recollect the names of any of the regular officers or regiments with whom I served nor any militia officers except those named. I served in the three tours I have named three months the last tour one months the 2nd tour & three months the first tour making in all seven months service as a soldier of the revolution –

I received a written discharge after my last tour of service which I have since lost – but received only a verbal discharge after my 1st & 2nd tours. Amariah Porselt [??], John Smith, John Kibler, Henry Surber & others are persons in mind present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for truth & veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. I have no documentary evidence to prove that I served in the revolutionary war nor do I know any living witness by whom I could prove the fact. No clergyman in my neighborhood. I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 10th day of April 1833 S/ Samuel Bell S/ Anthony Sonner, X his mark [Henry Surber & John Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]