Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abel Sasser (Sassen) S7450 Transcribed by Will Graves fn17NC 4/26/11 rev'd 8/2/14

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State of North Carolina County of Johnston: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 27 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting able Sasser a resident of the County of Johnston State of North Carolina aged 69 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in October before the battle of Guilford in North Carolina. That he was then drafted and placed under command of Captain Thomas [Philip Thomas] – Major Dennis [William Dennis] – Colonel Brown [Thomas Brown] – General Linnington [John Alexander Lillington] – Lieutenant Hobbie [Hobby] – Ensign William Hinton. That he was marched to Tar River North Carolina and stayed at a place now called Greenville about a fortnight – then rendezvoused other soldiers from the counties of Pitt & Wayne and others – marched thence to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) thence to Richmond County – thence up Pedee [River] – there stationed near the mouth of Rocky River – remained about 25 days. Thence to Guilford County North Carolina, thence to Johnston County where he was drafted having served the full term of three months. Declarant took a discharge from his Captain which he has lost but avers that he served his full term.

Sometime in the succeeding year he was again drafted and put under command of Captain Edmund Griffin – and reported to Head Quarters in Duplin County North Carolina and joined General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] whose Army was passing on to Wilmington North Carolina. Declarant's Lieutenant was William Robards [William Roberts] – Ensign James Holt – After General Rutherford discharged his men at Wilmington – the company to which Declarant belonged were ordered to Wilmington – & were placed under command of Colonel Young [Henry Young]. – He stayed at Wilmington until the full expiration of the three months for which he was drafted. The company was disbanded at Wilmington and Declarant there received his discharge signed by Captain Griffin – which discharge declarant has lost. When Declarant first entered Service he was a resident of Johnston County – and has always lived there since. He has no documentary evidence on the subject of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure concerning them except James Odom 1 who served with him as a soldier during his first term of service and __ who served with him during his second.

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¹ James Odom S7278

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 any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Rm Sanders

S/ Abel Sasser, X his mark

[Josiah Hinnant and Jesse Watson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I James Odom certify that I was in the three months service named in the above Declaration of Abel Sasser as his first Term of Service; and know the facts stated therein to be true – sworn the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/Rm Sanders S/James Odom, X his mark

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Supplemental Declaration of Abel Sasser: I was born 1763 in Dobbs County NC. I have no record of my age – There is no clergyman residing nearer me than 7 miles.

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Abel Sasser, X her his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]