Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Sandiford (Sandeford) W19307 Ann f46VA Transcribed by Will Graves 1/11/12

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State of North Carolina Wake County: Pleas & quarter Sessions

On this 21st day of August personally appeared in Open Court now sitting before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wake Samuel Sandiford a resident of Wake County & State of North Carolina 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

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

That in all he served at least 9 months & having performed four different tours. That he is a native of Southampton County Virginia & continued there to reside until after the close of the revolutionary war –

That he served in the militia of said State for one tour for less than three months but more than two under one Captain Butts & Colonel Wilson in the year 1777 that he marched to Portsmouth & there remained until his time expired.

That he again enlisted in the militia of his native County under Captain Whitehead and Josiah Parker Colonel in the year 1780 [last digit unclear] for about the same term of service – that he marched down to Stoner's Mill near Smithfield in the Isle of Wight [County] & thence to Suffolk and there remained until his term was out –

That in April 1781 under the same Captain & Colonel Gaskins he entered the militia Service in the same County Southampton for about the same time of between two & three months that he marched to Petersburg & there had an engagement [April 25, 1781] with the British forces under General Philips [William Phillips] & the American force retreated to Chesterfield Court house & from thence to a place called the Coat pits in the same County & thence to Tuckahoe Ferry on James River & thence down to Richmond – that at this last place they met the regular Army under General Lafayette who took command. After many maneuvers with the British who had burnt Manchester [April 30, 1781] on the night before the declarant reached Richmond. The company to which this declarant belonged was ordered down to New Kent Court House & from thence they marched back to Richmond. Thence they crossed the James River at Richmond & marched down to Osborn a small place between Richmond & Petersburg & thence they crossed the James River again at Hillen [?] Ferry thence they marched back to Richmond there remained seven nights & days & thence marched to Hanover where this declarant was discharged.

He further states that in August about the 7th of the month in the year 1781 – He again entered the militia service for the same term of between two & three months in the same County of Southampton under Captain Whitehead & Colonel John Booke Wells [perhaps a mistaken

reference to John Scarsbrook Wills] & marched to Meade's Mills Nansemond County Virginia & from thence to a place called the Globes upon Nansemond River near Portsmouth at which time the British under Cornwallis were leaving that place & thence he returned by Smithfield thence to Swan's Point on the James River thence to Williamsburg & there about as well below Williamsburg & so on until the Army reached Yorktown & this declarant was at Stones Mills a few miles from Yorktown when the British troops surrendered [October 19, 1771] at York Town – and that there this declarant was dismissed without any regular discharge.

He hereby are relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Saml. Sandiford ¹

We the undersigned the latter of us a soldier of the revolution do hereby certify that we are residents of Southampton County Virginia during the revolutionary war – And all well acquainted with the above named applicant that we believe him to be 82 years of age. That we know he did serve in the war & that he is purported & believed in the neighborhood where he lives that he was a Soldier of the Revolution.

S/ John Scarborough S/ Samuel Scarborough²

[f p. 11: On April 10, 1844 in Wake County North Carolina, Ann Sandaford [sic], 91 years old, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act as the widow of Samuel Sandaford, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$30 per annum for his service in the revolution; that her husband died February 26, 1836; that he was about 85 years of age; that she married him April 9, 1771 [last digit unclear, could be 1777]; that they were married by Parson Agess at his own house; that she and her husband moved from Southampton County to Wake County about 48 years ago. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 9: On June 11, 1844 in Wake County North Carolina, Charles Sanderford [sic], son of the veteran and his wife, gave testimony that the prayer book in which the family registry is located has been in the possession of his father and his mother from his earliest recollection until the death of his father and since that time in the possession of his mother and for the last 5 years in his possession. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[facts in file: the veteran, son of William Sandiford, was born September 1, 1750 in South Hampton County Virginia; he married Ann Council (born November 30, 1753), April 9, 1771; that the veteran and his wife had the following children

Hill born December 21, 1772 Charles born September 22, 1774 Lemuel born April 25, 1776 Samuel born February one, 1778 Martha born July 4, 1780 Lazarus born February 20, 1783 Joel born January 25, 1785

¹ I do not believe this is the actual signature of the veteran as the handwriting is identical to the balance of the document

² FPA S7457

Elizabeth born October 20, 1786 Nathaniel born July 11, 1789 James Williams born April 4, 1791 Elijah born August 9, 1794 Elicia (son) born April 16, 1794

in addition, the following family information appears:

Nancy Sandiford daughter of Hill and Jane Sandiford, born November 8, 1793

Joel son of Hill born Me 5, 1796

Mary daughter of Hill born March 6, 1803

Gray Sandiford, son of Samuel Sandiford, Junior, and Patty, his wife, born December 17 1806 Sarah daughter of Samuel and Patty born December 1, 1806]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. Widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing February 20, 1836.]