

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sampson W8697

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State of Kentucky Lincoln County Sct.

On this 23rd day of July 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Lincoln County Court now sitting, William Sampson a resident of Lincoln County in the State of Kentucky, aged 67 years, who being 1st duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

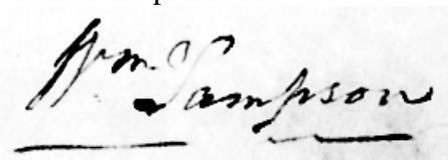
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service in the fall of 1780 upon the invasion of Benedict Arnold, and continued in the service about 70 days under the command of Colonel John Pleasants. That he resided in Goochland County, Virginia when he entered the service. That he was a substitute for Danl. Johnson. That in this 1781 he again entered the service of the militia, and continued 60 days. That in 1781, when Cornwallis invaded Virginia, he entered the service again under Captain Stokely Towles, and continued 60 days longer. That at the expiration of said tour he joined the militia Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney, and continued in the service 12 months, and was at York when Cornwallis was captured [October 19, 1781] – that he marched after Lafayette, and knew General Wayne and General Washington.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Sampson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm Sampson", written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

[Adam Wilson and Willis P Blanks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 24 day of July 1786, in the name of Wm Sampson as a soldier for £8.0.0 , which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Dabney

Wade and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
11th day of February 1883 [sic, 1833?]

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[f p. 9: On October 20, 1838 in Lincoln County Kentucky, Elizabeth Sampson, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Sampson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him June 14, 1787 in Gooseland [Goochland] County Virginia; that her husband died November 4, 1833.

Elizabeth Sampson]

[f p. 10: Stephen Sampson a resident of Lincoln County Kentucky gave testimony that he is the son of William and Elizabeth Sampson who has remained a widow ever since the death of his father on November 4, 1833.

Stephen Sampson]

[facts in file: The widow's maiden name was said to be Elizabeth Purcell¹

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

¹ *Elizabeth Purcell*, see affidavit a f p. 4