Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Sanford Carder W9377

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]
The State of Ohio }
County of Fayette } Ss

On this 4th day of Oct. A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Fayette County Court of common pleas now sitting Sanford Carder a resident of Union Township in the County of Fayette and State of Ohio aged 72 years the 16th of last Sept. who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon 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 and served as herein stated.

This affiant states he was called into the service of the United States in Hampshire County in the State of Virginia in the month of September A.D. 1780, he was at this time drafted as a Militia man under the command of Captain Daniel Richerson under this commander the affiant marched to Hilsborough [sic: Hillsborough] in North Carolina, this was the place of rendezvous for the Virginia Militia General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was at this time the commander of the Southern Army. From Hilsborough he marched to South Carolina to the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] River at a place called Cheraw Hills. At this place the affiant remained through the latter part of Fall and most of the Winter [sic: probably only Jan 1781] when this company and affiant under the command of the said Richerson returned to Virginia unto to a place called Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] Barracks here this affiant was left with severa others to gard some prisoners untill the next morning, as the time for which this company was drafted was now expired the remainder of the company continued on home. this affiant then received a discharge from the colonel to whom he delivered the prisoners for two tours of three months each. at this time the tours of the Militia were three months but the company had been out 6 months lacking a few days. the affiant returned home on the last day of February when in a short time after it again came the turn of these men to serve a tour those who received a discharge for two tours refused to serve and court Martial set and considered discharge and pronounced it good for six months although the time was a little short of of two tours. the affiant sayes he canot recollect the exact number of days but it was of more than 5 months that he served at this time. In the month of April in the year 1781 there was made a regular draft for soldiers to serve in the Regular army of the United States it fell to this affiants lot to enter the Regular army which he did in the month and year aforesaid. he was about 2 months in the Foot [infantry] when he was joined to a company of Lighthorse commanded by Captain [James] Gunn. this company was part of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Anthony White [Anthony Walton White] he thinks it was the first Virginia Regiment [First Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons] he was joined to this company a short distance Richmond in the said State of Virginia. He marched under the command of colonel White through Richmond & Petersburg to South Carolina and made a short halt on sante [sic: Santee] River in this state. Then marched to the State of Georgia crossing the Savannah River about 20 miles from Savannah. The British were at this time in Savannah the United States troops with which the affiant was at this time and place were commanded by General Anthony Wayne they were stationed within six miles of Savannah at Widdow Gibbons'es [Widow Gibbons's at Sharon GA], where they remained several months, for the purpose of preventing the British from leaving the Town to get provisions in the country. While at this place they were attacked by about 500 Indians in the night [24 May 1782] a severe skirmish followed in which the Whites had 5 killed and wounded and the Indians lost 30 killed The Whites took in this battle about 130 horses and several loads of deer skins. in this battle general Wayne had his horse shot under

him. This affiant was one of twelve soldiers that went with the officers within sight of Savannah and were shot at by the British. the affiant remained at this place untill the 18 months for which he was drafted expred and he was then and there regularly discharged by the regular officers. He the affiant at this time served eighteen months. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to an anuity or pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state

- Where and in what year were you born?

 The affiant answers he was born in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia on the 16th day of September A.D. 1760.
- 2 Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? The respondent answers he has no record of his age
- Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live
 - The affiant answers he lived in Hampshire County in the State of Virginia when called into the service where he remained untill about the year 1794 he then removed to Bourbun [sic: Bourbon] County in the State of Kentucky where remained untill the year 1800 when he removed to Fayette County in the State of Ohio where he now lives, and has ever since lived.
- 4 How were you called into the service, were you drafted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?
 - The affiant answers he was drafted.
- 5 State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.
 - In the answer to this question the affiant refers to the body of his declaration where it is contained in full.
- 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it?
 - The affiant answers he did receive a discharge both tours as he states in his declaration that he does not recollect the colonels name who gave him the first discharge nor does he know where it now is. the last discharge he received from Colonel White this stated that he had received no pay he sold this for a horse the purchaser carried it to Richmond and received the affiants wage. This served as an order and was retained
- 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present Neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behaviour your services as a soldier of the Revolution
 - The affiant referrs to the Hon Jacob Jemeson, Wade Loofbourrow Esq, Jacob Judy, and Samuel Loofbourow.

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NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists Sanford Carder/ age 19/ height 5′ 8″/ sandy hair/ grey eyes/ fair complexion/ planter/ born in Culpeper County/ residing in Hampshire County where he was drafted for 18 months on 11 Apr 1781. Sized 28 May 1781.

On 24 Apr 1855 Sarah Carder, 72, applied for bounty land stating that as Sarah Davis she married Sanford Carder on 4 Dec 1827, and he died in Aug 1845. On 26 Feb 1856 Sarah Carder applied for a pension, with her age still said to be 72, the date of marriage 19 Dec 1827, and the date of Sanford Carder's death 7 Aug 1845. The marriage was certified by a Peter Carder and George Stewart. A record of the marriage by Samuel F. Yeoman, a Justice of the Peace, states that the marriage occurred on 19 Dec 1827. Another document states that Sarah Davis Carder was born in March 1784.