

Pension Application of Henry Sanders R9178

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S.C. Sanders, Henry R9178
Dica
Born in N.C.

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Nancy Sanders the wife of John Sanders
Was bourn the 2 day of January 1796
Joseph Sanders the son of John Sanders was
Bourn the 31 day of May 1812

Henry Sanders was born the 27 day of May 1817
This is the son of Wright Sanders and Poley his wife
John Sanders was born the 18 day of January 1820

Ages of life throughout
The family of Henry Sanders
May be found within this
Paper.

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S.C. R9178

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Twenty third day of June 1792 received of Nicholus Blake
Sixty five pound Sterling money in n full of all Bonds
Bills Notes Dedts dues or demand whatever I say
Received by ~~one~~ me
His
Thomas Stone
mark

Henry Sanders
(?)
Henry Sanders his hand

Henry Sanders son of Joseph Sanders and,
Mary his wife was born 26 day of October 1751
~~As~~ & was married October the 18 1779 to
Dica Sanders daughter of John Blake +
Mourning his wife was born 15 day of May ~~1751~~ 1761

Henry Sanders was born March 10th 1810
John Sanders was bourn the 26 of December 181(?)
Levi Sanders was bourn the 28 of November 181(?)
Henry Sanders
Mary Immon was born the 3 day of March 1812

John Sanders
(?)
John Sanders

Thearibe Sanders Daughter of Henry Sanders and
Dica his wife was Born 22nd day of September 1780
Joseph Sanders was Born 27th day of October 1782
Mourning Sanders was Born [9]th day of January 1786
Prosilah Sanders was Born 12th day of August 1787
Henry Sanders was Born 28th of April 1790
John Sanders was Born 3rd of September 1792
Wright Sanders was Born 7th day of Novermber 1795
Dica Sanders was Born 9th day of February 1799
Benjamin Sanders was Born 3rd day of March 1802
Henry Immon was Born 17th day February 1804
Elishea Immon was Born the 3rd day of February 1806
Samuel Sanders son of
Joseph Sanders Anna his Wife was
Born the first Day of February 1809
Hannah Immon was Born the 26th of February 1809
Dica Immon was Born the 11th Day of March 1809
[] was Born the 11 Day of October 1810
[] was Born the 10 Day of April 181[?]

[I did not proofread the document below]

Know all men by these Presents that I Henry Sanders
Of the State of South Carolina Fairfield County
For and in Consideration of the Sum of Sixty five pounds
Sterling money to me in hand paid by Archelus Blake
Of the sd State and County the Receipt whereof I do hereby
Acknowledge have bargained Sold & Delivered and by these
Presents according to Due [?] of Law do bargain sell &
Deliver unto the said Archelus Blake one gray mare {?}
Years old Branded on the near [?] thus S one Soral fili
Two years old one Iron gray hors four years old one Cow and
Calf twelve head of hogs and twenty five acres of Standing Corn
Corn to have and to hold these Bargain premises
The sd Archelus Blake his Executors Administrators &
Assigns for ever and I the said Henry Sanders for my self
my Executors & [?] the sd [bargain?] premises
the sd Archelus Blake his Executors Administrators & Assigns
against all persons Shall and will [?] and for ever
Defend by these presents in Witness whereof I have [?]
Set my hand & Seal the twenty third Day of June 179[?]
Signed Sealed and Delivered

In the presents of

His

Thomas Slone

mark

Henry Sanders

his

George G. Coons

Mark

Washington Maxwell was Born the first Day of April 1820

Declaration

State of Indiana

Monroe County

On this the seventeenth day of October

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

And thirty two personally appeared before me

(the undersigned) Stephen P. Seall one of the Associate

Judges of the Circuit Courts of Said County in Said State being

A Court of Record composed of a President or Circuit Judge

And two Associate Judges Henry Sanders a resident

Of said County in said State aged eighty one 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 acts 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 to wit

He was born in Perquiman [sic, Perquimans] County in the State

Of North Carolina on the twenty sixth Day of October AD

One thousand seven hundred and fifty-One which appears

By the record of his age now in his possession made and

Given to him by his Father Joseph Sanders At or about

ten years of age as near as he can recollect his father re-

moved with him from said County where untill then he

had lived to Northampton County and there in a Short

time to Roanoke River, the name of the County his Memory

fails to recall where he resided untill about twenty years of

age when he removed to the then County of Fairfield in the

State of South Carolina where he resided until the time of

Entering the Service as herein stated

In the year 1775 or the year afterwards he is not

Certain which, in the latter part of spring or early part

Of summer he entered the Service of the United States in

The Militia of South Carolina as a Volunteer

He was among the first who entered the said service

With the exception of a few days at a time and four weeks

At one time he was in said service untill the time or there-

About the Battle of Yorktown Virginia- & the Capture of Lord Cornwallis

Owing to he having at the commencement of the War in
The South Volunteered he expressed the greatest hatred of
The Tories or Royalist and was not safe to remain at home
Afterwards, and finding it most safe he determined to con-
Tinue in the Service until the end of the War, especially
In South Carolina. Having been afflicted with con-
Vulsive fits and being nearly worn down with years
His memory is consequently being feeble and confused At some times
He can recall in his Memory the dates & incidents
Of the War which at other times the greatest effort
To recollect the greater his deficiency of Memory
Which is much the case now . He can remember many
Tours and remarkable events and the names of
Some of the Officers with whom he served. But he can
not remember the dates of particular services nor
placed the names of his officers to the proper tours
nor can he with certainty place the events to the pro-
per tours. He has a faint recollection of his first
tour (he thinks it was his first he may be deceived) It
was an expedition to Charlestown in said State
of South Carolina. He was rendezvoused at said
Fairfield County South Carolina where he entered
The said service as a Volunteer and to to the best of
His recollection his Captain Name was Lewis.
He can not recollect the names of any other Officers
Of said Company. This was in the said year before stated
To have been the Year in which he first entered the service
Thence to Fort Johnston and thence to Fort Sullivan
When he was under the command he thinks of General
Moultrie. His said Company or part of it with
Some others the Kind & names of officers of which he can
Not remember was marched back to Charlestown
And was then during the Battle of Sullivan's Island¹
The firing of which he heard as he distinctly recollects

¹ June 28-29, 1776. <http://gaz.irshelby.com/moultrie.htm>

He saw General Lincoln² at Charlestown he thinks
But does not know that he was under his command
Or whether he had any at that time. He might have
Been under the Superior command of General Lincoln
He does not know. The number and names of
Regimental Officers at Sullivan's Island with whom
He served he can not state. Before he arrived at
Charlestown he is under an impression his said
Company did not join any regularly organized
Regiment. After the Battle he was marched home
To Fairfield County and [afterward] when he was dismissed
He can not recollect what his period of engage-
ment was or whether for any precise time or not.
He served in said town at least four months
He can not recollect the names of any of vet. Officers
With whom he served, or under whom he served in
This town. He received no discharge in writing.
He can not from the failure of his memory
State any other tours in the order in which they took
Place.

He knows that he was at home but a few days,
When he again volunteered at said County in aid Militia Service
An Old Soldier neighbour and acquaintance now present
Tells him that he must have been drafted but he thinks he
Volunteered he may be mistaken. He was so frequent-
ly transferred from One Captain and Regiment to another
And with the failure of his memory he is not certain
But thinks he went in the Service in this town in the
Company commanded by one of three Captains
(under whom at times he served) either Lewis, Boykin,
or Thomas Starks, the first names of the two first he can
not remember. He rendezvoused in his neighbourhood
and was marched (from Fairfield) down to the Widow
McCords or McCoards Ferry on what was called the
Wateree or Congaree upwards of fifty miles from
his said home. The names of these streams

[Transcriptions of pages 10 and 11 are missing from this transcript— these were added by Will Graves -
who did not continue his transcription in a line-by-line manner as was used in the balance of the
transcription. Also, blanks appearing below also appear in the original.]

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and Rivers through this Country once very familiar to him are now confused in his mind. He was he
thinks four expeditions across said River at said Ford or Ferry. One of the times whether the above or
not he is unable to state he was Sick and was nursed at the House of said Widow Lady by her and an old

² General Charles Lee was commander of the Continental troops in the first defense of Charleston in the summer of 1776. General Benjamin Lincoln did not assume command of the Southern Department of the Continental Army until 1779 and he was not present at the defense of Charleston in 1776.

friend about three weeks. He is not certain whether it was at said place or whether he was marched home, he was dismissed, having served in said tour or expedition one month or more. He does not recollect whether he entered the Service in this tour for any precise period or not. As to the time & manner of said service he served to the Acceptance of his Officers. He received no discharge in writing

He remained only a few days at home when he Volunteered in said Service of the United States in the Militia of the State of South Carolina he thinks under one of said before mentioned Captains – Captain __ Lewis, Captain __ Boykin, or Captain Thomas Starks. He was rendezvoused at the old neighborhood and Fairfield and marched to Cambden [sic, Camden] in said State of South Carolina, And then to R[balance of the word is obliterated and illegible, but probably "Rocky Mount"] a Small Town he thinks on the Catawba River. He knows the stream well but it is mixed out in his memory with other names. He was not that he recollects attached to any Regiment. He thinks the British had recently passed up said River and taken possession of said Town. General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] or Greene commanded the American forces to which he is Company was joined ^{which of said Generals commanded} he is not positive. He was in the Battle of Rocky Mount.³ He thinks they could have taken the place & defeated the British had not the Officer been unwilling to set fire to the Town for that purpose. At this Battle he was taken prisoner by the British and after being confined some days made his escape. This tour upon

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reflection he thinks was after some others, which are mentioned in this declaration, as succeeding this tour Especially a tour hereinafter mentioned against the Indians in Georgia now seems in his mind must have been before the tour here last mentioned to Rocky Mount. In said Expedition to Rocky Mount and in scouring the Country round thereabout he served three months before he was either dismissed or permitted to return home, when he was dismissed near his said home without any written discharge.

At a time in the same summer season he thinks it was he is not positive he served as a Volunteer in said South Carolina Militia in an expedition to the Hanging Rock.⁴ He very well recollects that he was in said expedition and served ^{warm service} at the time of the Battle of the Hanging Rock. He was not in the Battle of the Hanging Rock. The time of his expedition to the Hanging Rock might not have been at the time of the Battle: -- He presumes not from the circumstances of his recollecting clearly that he was not there at the time of said Battle. And upon reflection he is not safe in saying said expedition was about the time of the Battle, but he is clear and safe in saying that at the time of the Battle of the Hanging Rock he was in the service as a Volunteer and in such expedition he served not less than one month and was dismissed at or near home without any written discharge.

In another expedition he was marched into and through the upper country of said State. He thinks he was under the Chief Command of General Greene or his Orders. He is not certain of this, nor whether he was along in person. He was rendezvoused near home. In this tour he was at the Capture of Colonel Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall]⁵ a British Officer, taken

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In the Act of writing Letters to England in a Cave.

The Officer commanding the Tories in the same

Quarter retreated toward the Blue Ridge where

after some skirmishing (they this applicant & army) made several

³ July 30, 1780. <http://gaz.irshelby.com/rockymt.htm>

⁴ Two engagements are known to have occurred at Hanging Rock, one on July 30, 1780 and the other (and more substantial engagement) on August 6, 1780. <http://gaz.irshelby.com/hangingrk.htm>

⁵ Thomas Fletchall was a Tory militia commander who resided in the Fairforest area of South Carolina. He was 'arrested' by the Whigs and sent to Charleston during the so-called "Snow Campaign" in late 1775.

Hundred prisoners of British & Tories. The Tory Commander escaping. He has a first impression that this was in the early part of the War and may have been before the Rocky mount Battle. He was marched As high up the Country as the Blue Ridge. He was in Said Tour ten weeks six weeks of which he never was Inside of a house. He was marched back in the neighborhood of his said residence and dismissed. He recollects None of his officers names in this tour with certainty. His General may have been General Greene⁶ he is not certain. He received no written discharge.

It was probably after this tour that he remained said four Weeks at home when he volunteered in said Militia of South Carolina & again entered the said Service of the U. States And he thinks this tour was the one in which he served in an Expedition to Georgia against the Cherokee and Creek Indians He thinks principally designed against the latter In this Tour he and his said Troops Killed a great many Indians And destroyed a great deal of their property. He was In said Tour in a great Battle fought with the Indians at A place he thinks called Stewarts Forts He travelled in said tour over a great deal of country, he can not attempt to give the names of the River he crossed. He was in the service in said tour nine months. He was during said nine months a commissary and discharged the duties of that appointment. He ranked as a commissioned Officer, but he can not remember the grade. Nor can he State the names of his Officers. He was marched home and Dismissed not in writing Being at home but a few days after this or Some Other tour.

He volunteered in the said South Carolina Militia at his said residence in the Company he thinks

⁶ Nathanael Greene was not in the South in 1775 (he assumed command of the Southern Department of the Continental Army on December 2, 1780 in Charlotte, North Carolina). The commander of the Whig forces in the Snow Campaign (which appears to be the engagement this veteran is describing) was General Richard Richardson.

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Commanded by Captain Thomas Starks in a Regiment probably
Commanded by Colonel _ Taylor. The commander in
Chief was General Greene. He was rendezvoused (in this as
Well as all his tours near home) entered the Service and was
Marched to Orangeburgh [sic, Orangeburg]. He was there three or four weeks
When attacked with the Quinsy and his recovery for some
Time despaired of in consequence of which as soon as able he
Was permitted to ride home. He was two months in said
Tour. He entered for the period of two months and ten
Days. He served to the acceptance of his Officers in said
tour. He was dismissed without writing at Orangeburg.
In a few days after said return home he was so recovered
As to be able to enter the service again which his own personal
Safety as much as the defence of his country required him to
Do. He volunteered & entered the service near his said home
In a Company of South Carolina Militia commanded by
Cpatain Samuel Boykins as well as he can recollect, None
Of the officers names (recollected under the chief command
Of General Greene. He was marched to a little New Town
the name of which he has forgotten and had a skirmish
with the British and defeated them. He was & served
home and by his Captain permitted to remain there a few
days as was customary when not threatened by the pre-
sence of British or Tories. He was not called out any
further on account of said tour and was there considered
as dismissed, receiving no written discharge.
In another tour in a few days after the end of
The preceding one he entered the said service in the Com
Pany of Infantry commanded (he thinks) by the same Captain
Boykin if not him it must have been Captain Thomas
Starks. He was rendezvoused & entered the service near
Home and marched to the Widow McCord's or Coards Ferry
Along with Colonel Washington's Cavalry, where they

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Were stationed for some time with a View of intercepting
The British & Tories. The British crossed the River set fire
To the Widows House and a Skirmish took place. Here
Colonel Washington had a Horse shot under him and moun-
Ted a second. Colonel Washington kept the ground
The British retreated across the river (Congaree or Wateree)
Toward the Eutaw Springs when shortly after
Was a Battle of the Eutaw Springs.⁷

He was not in said Battle being stationed near the said Widow
McCords. A short time after said Battle he was
Marched home and dismissed. He served in said tour
Four months. He was a volunteer
He was marched in many expeditions and
Tours besides those mentioned herein. Those mentioned
Herein did not take place in the order in which they
Are here stated, nor is he able to state them.

During the War from the commencement he was
Constantly in the Service excepting said interval of four
Weeks, and some other intervals of not more than a
few days at one time until within a short time (a little
before or after) of the Battle or Seige of Yorktown and taken
Lord Cornwallis. He con not state the names of any
Other officers than those mentioned. He was he has not
Doubt five years or upwards in said service of
The United States. He knows he was in regular and
Constant duty in ranks more than four years solid
Time with his gun on his shoulder during all which
He served faithfully cheerfully and to the satisfaction
And acceptance of his officers and country in said
South Carolina Militia and United States service.
He always entered said service at or near his res-
Idence aforesaid and was then always (or near it) dis-
-missed with the one exception on precise mentioned or permitted to remain after the several expe-
Ditions in which he served. He can not remember
The day & month nor the year with certainty of

⁷ September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.irshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

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His entering and dismissal from the service. He can not arrange them in his memory. He was he thinks as stated in every instance called into the Service as a Volunteer. He never liked the idea of being drafted.

He resided in said County of Fairfield about ten years after the end of the War. He removed afterward to Anson County North Carolina where he resided nearly three years. One year after which he resided in Cheshire. He then removed to East Tennessee Grainger [sic, Grainger] County where he resided about three years. He then removed to Knox County Kentucky where he resided about sixteen years. After which he removed to Orange County Indiana where he resided about six years or upwards. He then removed to Bartholomew County in said State [?] He resided probably about three years. He then removed to Monroe County Indiana where he has resided eight years or upwards and now resides.

He served as Commissary in said services in other tours besides the one mentioned. In all he served as Commissary in the Revolution two years.

He can not state the names of any Continental Regiments or Officers besides these, already mentioned.

He might upon reflection have been drafted in some one tour but knows it was repugnant to his settled feelings.

He received in the course of the War two written discharges which have been long ago lost. He can not state by whom they were given except that one was probably given by Captain Thomas Starks and the other perhaps by Captain Samuel Boykin.

He states that he is unable personally to appear in Court by reason of bodily infirmity and old age.

He never received one cent of pay for any of said services as he recollects. He had considerable of his own at the commencement of the War but had but not.

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Little property at the close of it. He has been a Minister in the Baptist Church and has labored in that calling For upwards of forty years during all which time his Standing as a member has not been questioned. He has no documentary evidence that he knows of of any part Of his services nor does he Know of any person whose testimony he Can procure of their personal knowledge of his services except These herewith. He does not recollect that he held a commission as Commissary He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever that his Name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He is known to the persons whose certificates are herewith [?] John Blake Leroy Mayfield William Mayfield Jacob [?] & others Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.
his
Henry Sanders
Mark

I John Blake aged about seventy one years resident of Monroe County In the State of Indiana so certify that in my youth before I was Ten years old I was well well acquainted with the Reverend Henry Sanders who has sworn and subscribed the foregoing declaration. For During Several of the years of the first part of the Revolutionary War he recollects seeing him at muster or militia trainings In South Carolina. He saw him several times turn out and Volunteer to serve in the militia of said state during said Early part of said War. Saw him rendezvous and enter the Service in several instances. When this deponent was about Fourteen or fifteen years of age he volunteered to serve and Did serve in the same company in which said Henry Sanders Was also a Volunteer and did serve with him. Said Company He thinks was commanded by Captain Thomas Starks and was Marched with him and said Sanders in a Tour to Orangeburgh When said Sanders was attacked with the Quinsy and his life Despaired of when he recollects Mr. Sanders made His well being a man of property. This Deponent assisted Mrs. McCord in nursing Mr. Sanders during said

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Sickness for three weeks or more. This deponent's Father's Land Joined or cornered with said Sanders 's Land which was their Residence during the War. At Orangeburgh this deponent Hired as a substitute and left said Company.

He his deponent was at home once during the War Only to make any stay when said Henry Sanders was Absent in the service as he was informed and verily Believed and believes. When his deponent returned Home at the close of the War said Henry Sanders Having been dismissed nearer home had returned a little Before him as he was informed and believed and was was reputed and Believed in the neighborhood. During said tour in which the de- Ponent served and in which he saw and knew the said Henry Sanders to serve he was a faithfull and he fully esteemed sol- Dier by Officers and privates. He believes said Henry San- Ders to be eighty one years of age. He resided near and Was well acquainted with him for upwards of fifty years And in all the neighborhoods in which he has seen him occasionally Said Henry Sanders was and is reputed to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and this deponent personally knows That he was such soldier.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid

His

John Blake

Mark

[?]Leroy Mayfield a clergyman residing in the County Of Monroe in the State of Indiana and in the same neigh- Bourhood with Henry Sanders and William Mayfield Residing in the same hereby certify that we are well acquaint- Ted with Henry Sanders who has subscribed and sworn to The forgoing Declaration that we believe him to be about Eighty years of age at least, that he is reputed and believed In the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier Of the Revolution and that we concur in that opin- Ion. We are the more confirmed by our acquain-

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Tance with him before his present feeble state of
Mind and body having known him intimately for
Eight years.

Sworn and subscribed

This day and year aforesaid

Leroy Mayfield

His

William Mayfield

Mark

I Jacob Brown certify that I called at the above of
Henry Sanders who has subscribed & sworn to the forgoing
Declaration. That in a conversation I had with him
Previously to attempting to [?] his said declaration
He gave me such a detail as convinced me beyond
All doubt of his having been in the Service. But when
He attempted to narrate his services to be committed
To writing his health was bad & he was very infirm. Owing
His situation of body & mind he commenced his statements
Several times with the appearance of being able to be some-
What particular & methodical but before much progress
He became weak apparently from the agitation of mind
His memory became confused and he became unable to be
More precise than he has herein I have the fullest con-
Fidence in his declaration as will from my said conversa-
Tion with him as his highly venerated standing as a man
& preacher, and his reputation of having been such soldier
[?]

State of Indiana I the said Stephen P. Seall
Monroe County Judge of the Monroe County Court
Aforesaid declare my opinion after the investigation of
The matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by
The War Department that Henry Sanders the foregoing
And above named applicant was a Revolutionary
Soldier and served as he states. And I do further
Certify that Leroy Mayfield who has signed the pre-
Ceding certificate is a Clergyman resident in the

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Their children were:

Fearibe or ferriaba, born September 22, 1780

Josheph, born October 21, 1782 married anna---, and their son, samuel was born Febuary 1, 1809

Morning, born January 1, 1785, married Elisha Inman, she died in 1838

Prosilah, born August 12, 1787, married Thomas inman, both were dead in 1838.

Henry, born April 28, 1790.

John born September 3, 1795, married Polly or Poley and their children were: Henry who was born May 27, 1817, David , Nathan , Finley, Dicy and Lucinda said Wright died in 1838 in Monroe County, Indiana. Dica, born Febuary 9, 1799 married Whilliam Maxwell and both were dead in 1838; their son , Washington, was born April 1, 1820 and there were two other children, names not stated. Bejamin, born march 3, 1802, died when young.

The following are grandchildren, names of parents not stated:

Henry Sanders	born March	10, 1810
John “	“ December	26,1811
Levi “	“ November	22,1813
John “	“ January	18,1820.
Henry Inman(or Inmon)	“ Febuary	17, 1804
Elishea Inman	“ Febuary	3, 1806
Dica “	“ March	14,1808
Hannah “	“ Febuary	26, 1809
John “	“ October	11,1810
Willoby “	“ April	10, 1813
Mary “	“ March	3, 181-

The Revolutionary War records of this office fail to afford
Any information in regard to Moses Sanders

Very truly yours,
A.D. Hiller
Assistant to Administrator