

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sowell (Lowell) Frazer (Frazier)¹ R3767 Sarah Frazer f33NC
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State of North Carolina, Granville County: Superior Court of Law, September Term 1832

On this 5th day of September A. D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable James Martin a Judge of the Superior Court of Law and courts of Equity of this State aforesaid, now sitting for the County & State aforesaid Sowell Frazier a Citizen of Stokes County and State aforesaid 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 and served as herein stated viz.:

He was drafted in the Infantry in Granville County, and entered into Service under Captain William Gilliam, Isham Harrison Lieutenant and Peter Badgett Ensign William Moore was Colonel Elijah Moore Major we were first under the command of General Butler [John Butler] – and afterwards were placed under the command of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson]. In service in this Campaign we marched from Granville through Hillsborough to Bells Mill where we halted for a few days, thence we marched through Salisbury by Phifer's Mills to the neighborhood of Charlotte in Mecklenburg County our service was in the neighborhood of Charlotte and round about in that Country. And after the capture of the Tories at Rugeley's Mills [December 4, 1780] by Morgan² I was sent with a detachment to Salisbury in charge of the Prisoners – while stationed on the Yadkin [River] I was one of the detachment who were sent to the Shallow Ford under the Command of Colonel Armstrong Major Pugh & Richard Harrison Captain against the Tories. The enemy having been attacked and defeated [Battle of shallow Ford, October 14, 1780] by the light Horse just before we reached the battle ground we thence marched to Salem and thence to Head Quarters on the Yadkin.

I have erroneously stated this affair at the Shallow Ford to have taken place while we were stationed with the Prisoners on the Yadkin. It did not take place then but when we were on our march to join the Army & before the prisoners were put in our charge.

Our term of service having expired about the 15th of December we were marched under our officers to the Alamance Creek where we were discharged and each man had his discharge delivered to him. This has been lost or destroyed long since. Our Term of service was for three months – which we fully served.

The next tour of duty I served in, was as a volunteer on a three months service – I was commanded by Peter Bennett as Captain and Thomas Grant as Lieutenant, Drury Smith had the Supreme Command. We were sent into Virginia on the Roanoke River on an Expedition to catch fish for the Army. This duty was early in the spring of 1781. It was immediately after the battle at Guilford [March 15, 1781] and the fish was designed [sic desired?] for the use of the Army under General

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² Daniel Morgan was not at the taking of Rugeley's mill. The Whigs in that action were commanded by Colonel William Washington.

Greene [Nathanael Greene]. Here we served our full term of three months and were discharged but my discharge has been long lost or mislaid.

Sowell Frazier further states that he was born in the County of Bertie & State of North Carolina on the 9th of April 1764. I have no Register of my age except that which I have made in my own Bible from the information derived from my parents. I am also informed by them that day he removed to Granville within six weeks after my birth. I married at the age of 19 & removed at 20 westward & settled in Surry now Stokes North Carolina – where I now live.

His several Tours of duty can be proved by James Terry & Alan Howard to citizens of Granville County who both served in each tour with this applicant.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

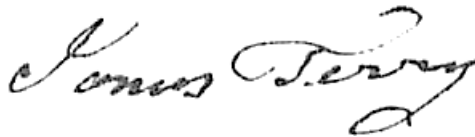
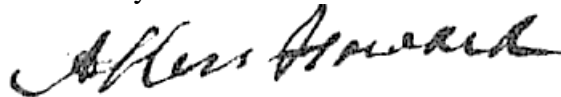
S/ Sowell Frazer



We, James Terry³ & Allen Howard⁴ residing in the County of Granville hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Sowell Frazier who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. That we were Brother soldiers in the two tours of duty specified in his said declaration. That we each served in both of them with the said Sowell Frazier and under the officers he has named except that Terry was in the light Horse & Howard in the Infantry.

S/ Allen Howard

S/ James Terry



Subscribed & sworn to in open Ct. September 1832.

[p 9: On September 6th, 1855, Sarah Frazier, 64 [first digit is written over and could be "54"], filed in Forsyth County North Carolina for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that her husband was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married her husband did on April 29, 1833 in Stokes County North Carolina, the marriage ceremony being administered by Jubal Alda and that her husband died in Forsyth County on March 18, 1851.]

[p 13: In a filing or bounty land dated September 6, 1855 filed in Forsyth County, Sarah Frazer states that her maiden name was Sarah Davis; in this application she also gives her age as 54. No explanation is offered as to the apparent disparity in her stated age.]

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

3 [James Terry R10464](#)

4 [Allen Howard S8730](#)