

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Center (Senter) (Sentell) R9382 Elizabeth fn7NC & fn41NC<sup>1</sup>

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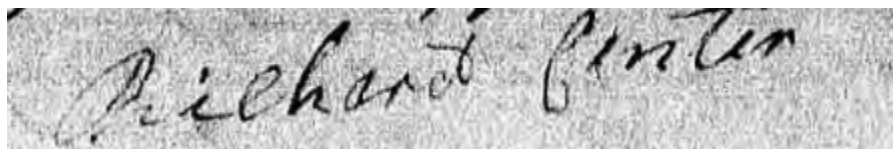
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[The following comes from the "Center" 7-page file]

State of North Carolina Henderson County

On this 26th day of June A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Richard Center son of William Center Deceased aged 99 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Richard Center son of William Center Deceased who was a private in the revolutionary war that he enlisted and was in actual service for the term of seven years and was honorably discharged. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March the 3rd 1855. That he also declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress nor made any other application therefore.

S/ Richard Center

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Richard Center". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

William Center was born October the 14th 1756

State of North Carolina Henderson County: this the 21st of June A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me Joseph Hamilton one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County James Sentell and David Owens of the County and State aforesaid and maketh oath in due form of law that the Record of the name of William Center was found in his old Bible that he had four years in his lifetime and we saw the same but out of said Bible as appears here attached to this affidavit.

Sworn and subscribed before me.

S/ David Owens

S/ James Sentell

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<sup>1</sup> Footnote.com has two separate files for this veteran, one under "Center" (7 pages) and the other under "Sentell" (41 pages). Both files bear the number file number, R9382

[The following comes from the "Sentell" 41-page file.]

[fn p. 2: family record]

"Nance Sentell dafter of william and bettey sentell was bron September 28 ye 1782

John Edwards do November 4 1784

Samul do march 3 1787

Gilford sentell born 22 of November in the [year] of our Lord 1789" ]

[fn p. 5]

State of North Carolina, Henderson County: SS

On this 27th day of March 1845 Personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Elizabeth Sentle a resident of the State of North Carolina and County of Henderson aged eighty-four years, who being 1st duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July the 7th 1838, Entitled an act granting half pay & Pensions to certain Widows. That she is the Widow of William Sentle who was a Private in the Army of the Revolution. He enlisted in the service of the United States in Halifax County North Carolina about the latter part of the year 1776 or in the beginning of the year following for a term of one year, he was marched from the County under Captain William Brinkley, to Halifax Town which was then called headquarters under whom he was placed then she does not know that he was marched from there to Georgetown and from thence to Charlestown, soon after his arrival at Charleston his term of service expired. He then immediately enlisted in the service again for how long a Tower [tour] and under whom she does not recollect though he marched from Charleston to Savannah and was taken prisoner at the fall of Savannah and was placed on a British Prison Ship where he remained three months and thirteen days a prisoner, and was then released by being exchanged for he was in the Battle of Sullivan's Island under General Moultrie he was at the siege of Savannah he was in the battle at Guilford Court House and the battle at Rugeley's Mills and after remaining in the service for a term or terms of about 2 years and a half after this 1st enlistment and being in the battles above mentioned he received a discharge at Charleston signed by Peter Oree or Horry what grade Mr. Oree or Horry held in the Army she does not recollect but that his name was signed to the Discharge she does recollect as she has often seen it in the possession of her husband and that too many years after his services were ended though it has been lost or mislaid many years since.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Sentle after his return from the Army on the 26th day of December 1780, and that her Husband the said William Sentle died the 7th day of May 1835. The marriage took place in Halifax County North Carolina and the death of her husband in this County. She further states that she has a record of the names and ages of her Children the original of which is hereunto appended – and that she yet remains the widow of William Sentle.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in Open Court.

S/ Elisha King, Clerk

S/ Elizabeth Sentle, X her Mark

[fn 18: On January 1, 1846 in Henderson County North Carolina, Joseph Henry gave testimony that he was personally acquainted with Elizabeth Sentel, the widow of William Sentle who departed this life in the year 1835; that he often heard William tell of his services as a soldier of the revolution including being taken prisoner at the siege of Savannah; "that his true and original

name was William Senter & that he has often heard one Gideon Stephens at Brother of the said Elizabeth Sente say many years ago that his name was William Senter..."; That said William Sente had a brother who lived in South Carolina and who went by the name Senter.]