

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Celey Saunders VAS4353  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This may Certify that Captain Celey Saunders as appointed a Captain in the Navy of this commonwealth the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1776 as appears by his commission, and continued in Service till the day of his death in 1781

Given under my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1783  
G Weedon BG [George Weedon BLWt2418-850]



Allowed land bounty from 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1776 until the end of the war to be calculated as for a Major in the land service. J. F. [Gov. John Floyd]

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Council Chamber Mar 12<sup>th</sup> 1783

I do certify that the Representative of Captain Celey Saunders is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Captain of the state navy for three years service Thomas Meriwether  
In pursuance of the above advice Jno Saunders Heir at Law received a warrant for 4666 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres and I certify that no other warrant has issued on account of the services of Capt Celey Saunders.  
Land Office Feby 17<sup>th</sup> 1831. W Selden R L Off

The Petition of John L Saunders and others Respectfully state, That their Grandfather Celey Saunders was a Captain in Va State Navy in the Revolution, and died in the service. That their father, after the war was over over drew warrants for 4666 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres of Land, believing that to be the quantity due a Major in the land service. Whereas 5333 $\frac{1}{3}$  acres was the correct quantity – they pray that the additional 666 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres may be allowed them, the Register declining to issue warrants for the same without the further authority of the Executive.  
J. L. Saunders & others by their Attorney Thos. Green

1831 June 9 Rejected

I Do herby Certify that it appears by a return of Spirit [spirits] for the use of the Ship Tempest Commanded by Capt Celey Saunders dated the 7 Dec'r 79 That the Crew of said Vessell consisted of 87 men.

Extracted from 1st Vol of Papers concerning the State Navy. Jas. E. Heath Aud public accounts  
Aud Off. Feb. 13 1834

To His Excellency The Governour of Virginia

Sir My grandfather Celey Saunders was a Captain in the State Navy & received a warrant for 4666 acres of land for services from 1 April 1776 to the end of the war. He is reported by John H. Smith Esq No221 of his report No5 as being entitled as a Major in the Land Service, & to the addition over 6 years from the 1 of April 1776 to the end of the war. Very respectfully/ Yr Ob Ser't/ John L Saunders  
March 17<sup>th</sup> 1834

A reconsideration founded upon the within certificate is respectfully asked by the heirs of Capt. Saunder. All Captains commanding Vessels having a crew of 70 men are entitled, by frequent decisions of the

Executive to 5333 $\frac{1}{3}$ . Capt. S. has rec'd 4666 $\frac{2}{3}$ . The additional 666 $\frac{2}{3}$  is now respectfully asked.

Memo. respecting the claim of Capt. Celey Saunders. This claim has been already reported upon: and this is the Third Petition which has been presented for it. John H. Smith Com'r &c/ May 7<sup>th</sup> 1834

1834 July 28 Rejected