

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Henry Roberts and James Southard (Souddith) VAS4597
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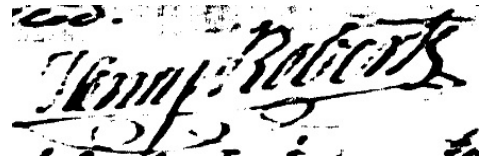
[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Southard, James.]

To the Gov'r of Va.

Henry Roberts of Frankfort Kentucky presents herewith a statement of the services of himself and of James Southard in the Revolutionary War. He states that he served in Baylor's [George Baylor W5966] afterwards Col. [William] Washington's troop of Horse for three years as a dragoon, Jas. Southard served the same length of time as Quarter Master Serjeant. On this evidence & a report of the Legislature of Va. made on his petition in 1788 for the depreciation pay of said Southard, which is also presented, He respectfully asks the allowance of his own Claim to Land bounty that of said Southard as a quarter Master Serj't to said troop of Dragoons &c.

Thos Green/ Atto for Petitioners

I Henry Roberts entered in the 3^d Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Colonel George Baylor belonging to the Virginia line on continental establishment on the 1st day of September 1777 for 3 years and my time of enlistment expired on the 1st September 1780. I was mustered, enrolled & served in the 4th Troop of that Regiment. Baylor the Col'l of that Regiment was taken prisoner in October 1778 [sic: 28 Sep 1777 at Old Tappan NJ] by the British & after that time the said Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Washington. When my time of service expired, I obtained my discharge from Col'l Washington. The 4th Troop of that Regiment was commanded by Capt Cadwallader Jones [BLWt2308], our Lieutenant prior to Oct'r 1778 was John Stith [BLWt2064-300] After that time Stith took command of the 5th Troop in place of Capt'n John Swan [VAS2026] who was taken prisoner at the same time with Col'l Baylor & Thomas Green Esq'r can if he pleases examine the Muster roll of the said 3^d Regiment and on the muster roll of the 4th Troop he will find my name as a private Soldier He will therefore get my land warrant at the same time that he gets the one for the services of James Souddith or Southard as he was sometimes called.



Frankfort October 5th 1830

James Souddith alias James Southard entered into the 3^d Regiment of Light Dragoons some time in the summer of the year 1777 then commanded by Col'l George Baylor. He marched from Fredricksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] in Virginia in Sept of that year with the 3^d Troop of the Reg't commanded by Capt'n Churchill or Churchiall Jones [Churchill Jones BLWt304-300] he served in said Reg't after Baylor was taken prisoner by the British, under Col'l Wm Washington until his 3 years was expired as quarter master Sergent to said Reg't. At the end of which term he said Southard or Souddith received an honorable discharge from Col'l Wm Washington after which he said Souddith or Southard went to Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania there in the fall of the year 1780 he entered on board of the United States Sloop of War Saratoga as stewards mate of said Ship, before he sailed he said Souddith made his will & devised his estate real & personal to Henry Roberts who was then at said City. The late Commadore F. Barney [sic: Joshua Barney] was the Lieutenant of said Ship at the time said Souddith entered on bord thereof & sailed with her on her first cruse in which, among others they took a British Ship of war on bord of which prize Barney went as prize master which ship was retaken by the British & Barney with her. The Saratoga came into the port of Philadelphia shortly after taking said ship & soon

thereafter went to sea again & was there lost with all hands [18 Mar 1781].

The said will so made by the said Souddith after it was ascertained that the said Ship was lost at sea, was proved and admitted to record in the proper office in the city of Philadelphia. Afterwards in the year 1788 I Henry Roberts the devisee therein named obtained a copy of the said will with letters testamentary duly certified by the proper officer & went to Richmond in Virginia to obtain a settlement for the pay due the said Souddith for his 3 years service in the said 3^d Reg't of horse. wehn I arived in Richmond the law for settling those claims had expired. The Legislature of Virginia was then in Session I.E. Oct'r 1788 I then made application to the General Assembly of that State for [part missing] was granted by the Legislature and the copy of said will and a certificate from Commadore Barney respecting the said Souddith who served in said Reg't of horse was the same who entered on board of the said Ship & was lost at sea.

Petition for Bounty land.

Henry Roberts &
the H'rs of James Southard Soldiers.

There is no proof of the claim of Henry Roberts. The Journal of the House of Delegates – Friday Nov'r 21st 1788 (page 57 of the Journal) has been referd to, to support the claim to bounty land, for James Southards services.

Your Excellency will decide upon the claim of Southards heirs, upon this evidence

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency Gov'r Tazewell May 12th 1834

1834 July 31 Southard allowed as Soldier in Baylors Reg of Cav'y for three years under enlistment prior to 1781

Roberts rejected