

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Sutton VAS50

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The [Virginia State Library](#) contains the following documents in its online digital collection of rejected pension applications relating to a veteran named Joseph Sutton

State of Virginia Westmoreland County

The deposition of Alleck Saunders and John McKenney taken this 9th day of August 1819 before me Samuel Templeman one of the Justices of the peace and Judge or presiding Magistrate of the County Court of Westmoreland (being first sworn)

Alleck Saunders deposeth and saith that Joseph Sutton was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War that this deponent and the said Sutton enlisted under Captain John Mazerett [John Mazaret or Mazerett] of the Artillery for three years and was stationed at a post at Hampton after continuing upwards of two years they were marched to Williamsburg where they were placed under the command of Captain Christopher Rowan [sic, Christopher Roane or Roare]¹, and the Regiment was made up of artillery from York & Portsmouth – the artillery he thinks was commanded by a Colonel Elias Edmonds [Elias Edmunds] and Major Mazerett and joined a Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Porterfield [Lt. Col. Charles Porterfield], he thinks Colonel Peter Kemp had command in the said Detachment. That they marched to the Southward and was in the Battle of Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780] at Camden. That after this Battle the said Sutton & this deponent fell back to Hillsboro where the Army & the said Sutton were ordered on to the southward he arrived at Pedee where they met with General Greens [Nathanael Greene's] Command, when Major Mazerett and Capt. Rowan took charge of General Greens Baggage & returned to Richmond in Virginia where they were discharged having served their whole term of three years –

John McKenney deposeth that he was in the same Company & Regiment with the above Alleck Saunders & Joseph Sutton and the deposition of the above Alleck Saunders as it respects Joseph Sutton is true.

Taken & sworn to before me

S/ Samuel Templeman

I Certify that Alleck Saunders & John McKinney our men of Respectability –

S/ Samuel Templeman

State of Virginia County Court of Westmoreland –



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probably [Christopher Roane X635](#)

On the 22nd day of March in the year 1819 came before the Court being a Court of Record personally appeared in Open Court Joseph Sutton aged about sixty years resident in the said County who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by late act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, That he the said Joseph Sutton enlisted under Captain John Mazerett of the Artillery in the Continental service and line of Virginia for the term of 3 years, about the 28th day of February 1778 and was marched from Leeds Town in said County to Hampton in Virginia after 2 years and upwards Captain Mazerett with his Company were marched to Williamsburg where he was put under the command of Captain Christopher Rowand and was marched to the Southward in a Brigade commanded by Colonel Edmonds, in which Regiment he went to the great Pedee River in South Carolina and to the Cheraw Hills and returned to the City of Richmond with Captain Roan where he was discharged on the 24th of February 1781 but believing his discharge would be of no use to him it was lost or destroyed – he further states and declares that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his Country's Assistance for support

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At a Court held for the County of Westmoreland at the Court House thereof on the 22nd day of March in the year of 1819 Ordered that it be Certified to the Secretary of the War Department that Joseph Sutton this day made his declaration before this Court upon Oath as will appear by his said declaration filed in Court and that it appears to the Satisfaction of the Court from the evidence exhibited that he served as set forth in his said declaration in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy – It also appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Joseph Sutton is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support

Teste: S/ Joseph Fox, C. W. C.

The Blanks in this declaration all filled up agreeable to the time last presented to the Court on the 22nd March 1819 as per the Clerk's Certificate – the Original declaration on oath was made the 16th day of April 1818 and the evidence accompanying the same on that day. On the 27th day of April 1818 The declaration was presented to Court on Oath as will appear by the Clerk's Certificate under the seal of the County. On the 22nd day of June 1818. The declaration, Oath and evidence was taken before William Stork [indecipherable word or name] Judge or presiding Magistrate of the County Court of Record for said County and by him certified &

S/ S. Templeman

[Note in file reads:

"These are the original papers presented in 1819 to the War Department for a pension. This Claim was rejected by the Secretary of War because the act of 1818 embraced only Continental troops –

"Joseph Sutton being now dead his heirs pray an allowance of Land for 3 years services in the Virginia State line

The heirs"