

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Saunders R20211 NC
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 29 Oct 2014.

[The following applications are apparent forgeries.]

Rec'd 4 Dec 1829

State of Georgia } For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of
Hall county } certain officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution, approved on the 15th
of May 1828.

I William Saunders, of the State of Kentucky, and County of Logan, do hereby declare, that I was an officer in the Continental line of the army of the revolution, and served as such to the end of the war. I was commissioned an Ensign in Donowhos's [sic: Thomas Donoho's] company, the 6th reg't. North Carolina line on the 2^d April 1777, was promoted to a lieutenant, in February 1779, in which capacity I remained until I was deranged in January, 1783.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay, which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, of the 22nd of May, 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October, 1780. And I do further declare, that I have not received from the United States as a pensioner, since the third day of March, 1826, not one Cent. Sworn to before me, this 25th day of October, 1829.

Wm. Saunders

Charles McConnell, J.P.

State of Georgia } Came John Carter before me, and made oath, that the above named Wm.
Hall county. } Saunders, who is now present, did actually render the above mentioned service,
and that he (John Carter) did serve under him. Sworn to before me, this 25th day of October, 1829.
Charles McConnell, J.P. John hisXmark Carter

[George Doherty's heirs in pension application R3000 stated that he died in 1792.]

State of Georgia } For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "an act for
Hall county } the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution,"
– approved on the 15th day of May, 1828. I George Doherty, of the county of Hall, and State of Georgia,
do hereby declare, that I was commissioned a Captain in the 6th reg. (North Carolina line, in the
Continental army of the revolution) on the 28th day of October, 1776, and was promoted to be a major, on
the 17th day of July, 1782, in which capacity I remained to the end of the war, when I deranged on the
first of January, 1783.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay, which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd day of May, 1783, instead of the half pay for life to which I was entitled under the resolve of the twenty first of October, 1780. And I do further declare, that since the third day of March, 1826, as a pensioner, I have not received any thing whatever, from the United States.

Sworn to before me, this 25th of October, 1829

Charles McConnell J.P.

George Doherty

State of Georgia } William Saunders makes oath, that the above named George Doherty did
Hall county } render the above named services, and he served with him, in the said sixth
regiment; this deponent being present and saw him sworn. Sworn to before me, this 25th of October, 1829
Charles McConnell, J.P. Wm Saunders

I, James Law, Clerk of the Superior Court of the County Hall, in the state of Georgia, do hereby certify, that Charles McConnell, before whom the within affidavits of William Saunder, claimant, and John Carter, Identifier, and George Doherty, claimant, and William Identifier, was an acting justice of the peace, and legally authorised to administer oaths, the same being drawn up by me, and sworn to in my presence, in testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court, this 25th of October, 1829.

James Law, C.S.C.

The honourable Secretary at War will please to forward Drafts on the United States Bank at Philadelphia to Wolf River post office Fayette County, Tennessee, as the within claimants will both move to that County immediately. Mr. Saunders will forward this from So Ca [South Carolina], where he has a daughter living. 25th Oct'r. 1829.

James Law

NOTES:

On the reverse side of Saunders's deposition is the following: "See 1828 Vol Forged by H. Moore." The file also includes a paper reading as follows: "Rejected Ex'r. OLD WAR. No. 20211 William Saunders. Ensign 6th N. C. Line Revy War. REJECTED Forged by H. Moore, Filed by Thos Clarke."

The following appears on the file folder:

"N.C. Saunders, William R,20211

B.L.Wt. [bounty land warrant] 2098-200-Lieut Issued Nov 22, 1791 No papers

Note: This bounty land has no connection with the forged pension claim, but was allowed on the service of the Lieut of the N.C. Line, on which the forgery was based later. W"

Francis B. Heitman's *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution* has the following entry for William Saunders: "Ensign 6th North Carolina, 2d April, 1777; transferred to 1st North Carolina 1st June, 1778; Lieutenant, 6th February, 1779; Captain, 8th February, 1779; transferred to 4th North Carolina, 6th February, 1782; retired 1st January, 1783."

A 14 Aug 1936 letter from a descendant states that William Saunders died in Sumner County TN in 1803.