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Pension Application of Samuel Sutherland R21855

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To the Hon'ble Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of Samuel Sutherland respectfully sheweth that he served as a Soldier in the first Regiment of Artillery, in the late War that he was taken a prisoner by the British troops, that when he was relieved from his Captivity he lived at such a remote distance from the proper Officer to give him a Certificate [of discharge] that he often made the attempt to see his Officer, but never did succeed to obtain a Certificate 'till lately the Petitioner now hopes the Hon'ble Assembly of Virginia will take his case under Consideration and do him that Justice that is due to him and he as in duty bound will pray &c [In different handwriting] Sutherland's Pet. 7 Nov'r. 1791 Ref'd. to Claims reasonable

District of Kentucky

Green County Set

On this day being the 16th day of August 1831 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record) for the Green Circuit, Samuel Sutherland resident in said County, aged seventy nine years, on the 19th Instant who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of congress of the 18th March 1818, and first May 1820 That he the said Samuel Sutherland enlisted during the war on or about the first of August 1778 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Eddins [sic: Samuel Eddens] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison Virginia troops on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the 22nd day of May 1781 when he was taken prisoner by the British at Little York in the State of Virginia and was detained in confinement until the 6th day of June 1781 when he was paroled, but never exchanged. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present having never before made application for a pension under the said act of congress or any other act – that he has consequently never before exhibited a Schedule of his property and in persuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the united States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift Sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with an intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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 passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed – Towit

I have only twelve & a half cents in money no money owing to me except five or six dollars in this County I owe about five dollars – I have and own no other property except my wearing clothes —

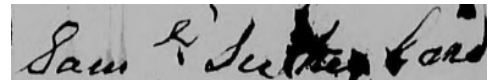
Samuel Sutherland

That Since the 18th day of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property I then owned 1 mare & a bridle & saddle – which mare has since died, no other property was then owned by me which is now recollected, except my wearing apparel – I am a rope maker by trade but am too old to do any thing of consequence at it towards my support – I have no family to assist me in my Support that live in this State my children reside in Tennessee and Settled there – the reason I have not heretofore applied to the Government for a pension is because I had no discharge having been taken prisner & lost my parol and not knowing until very recently by whom I could prove my service in the american revolution – I have now however ascertained that by Major George Thompson [pension application S31418] of Mercer

County Kentucky I can prove my service in the army to whose affidavit refference is here made. The said Thompson having known me from a child – as I am now extremely old and poore & need much the assistance of my country in whose service I spent most cheerfully my best days, I trust that my application for Support for the little remnant of my days will not be treated with either cold neglect nor with stiff denial —
Saml Sutherland

State of Kentucky }
Green County } Sct

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the district court of the county of Green and State of Kentucky Samuel Sutherland a resident of Green county in the State aforesaid, aged about 80 years August next, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed 7th June 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1778, with Captain Samuel Eddins, and served in the Regiment commanded by Col Charles Harrison, who commanded the artillery on the continental line – under the following officers The captain of the company to which I belonged was Captain Samuel Eddins. The major who commanded the battalion was killed at Charlestown [Charleston SC] his name I have forgotten. our Sergeant major was Thomas Hood I enlisted in the County of Louisa in the State of Virginia and I was mustered into service at Richmond Virginia and marched to the north. I enlisted for three years or during the war. I was taken prisoner by the British at Little York, and was taken to Jamestown Bay on board the Royal George and was parolled. I had been in service before taken prisoner near three years, it would have been three years the August following. I was taken prisoner on May 22nd 1781. I however afterwards returned to the army to serve in place of my father I was not in any engagement or battle, I resided in Fluvannah [sic: Fluvanna] County when I enlisted I marched through Virginia and was sometimes in North Carolina, and sometimes in Maryland, and was some months in Jersey generally being on the rivers or bays guarding & defending them from the entry of enemys. My Lieutenant was Stephens tho his given name I have forgotten. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. He a short time since made application for a pension under the acts of congress heretofore enacted but he was not placed on said pension roll, for some irregularity in his proof & the manner of preparing it. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.



NOTE: Sutherland's claim for a pension was denied because his name could not be found on the rolls, and he apparently could not find two witnesses to his service.