

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Sandlin R9190

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State of North Carolina Duplin County

Personally appeared before me Nicholas Hall one of the acting Magistrates of the county aforesaid Nicholas Sandlin a resident of said county & State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

This applicant was living in Duplin County in this State at the beginning of the war & first volunteered under Captain Sheffield at his house. I served under Captain Sheffield [Isham Sheffield] two tours of a fortnight each at Jumping Run below Wilmington – our company being divided into squads of about 20 or 25 each to serve there in turns. After this I Volunteered under the same Captain & John Lanier Lieutenant & served three months & got a discharge at Kinston. We spent the three months about Cape Fear [River] near the Big Bridge, guarding up & down the River. This tour was served about & at the time that Craig [James Craig] was at Wilmington. After this there was a great alarm about the Tories & there was some difficulty in obtaining a Captain – Nathan Waller at length consented to be our Captain & under him we serve between two & three months in pursuit of the Tories in addition to being kept constantly on the alert during the rest of the war. This applicant being seventy-eight years old cannot swear with exact precision to the length of his service, but unhesitatingly affirms that his whole service exceeded six months. This applicant was born in Bertie County in this State in the year 1755, lived there until 1765 & has lived in Onslow & Duplin ever since. During our three months service we had an engagement with the British. It was begun on our side by Colonel Yates of Onslow & lasted some time. There was not much loss on either side. The enemy took seven of our men & we took one Mr. Melton, who had been discharged from their ranks before on his parole & he was brutally pierced in the back with the points of the bayonet of the British soldiers.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Role of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to ever since Subscribe the day & year aforesaid

Test S/ James Taylor

S/ Nicholas Sandlin, X his mark

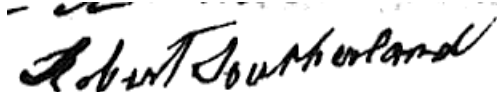
[Robert Sutherland, William J Johnston & Nicholas Hall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I Robert Sutherland hereby certify that I knew the applicant Nicholas Sandlin whose Declaration is herein stated, & that I was in service with the said Sandlin 8 or 10 days at A long Bridge in New Hanover County. I know only that he did not return home until his tour was out, & he was

a near neighbor. I must have known it had he done so.

S/ Robert Southerland<sup>1</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Southerland". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Robert Southerland<sup>1</sup>".

1. Where and in what year were you born [?]

Answer – in Bertie County in this State in 1755

2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer – Yes – it is at Mr. Brookes' in this County about 3 miles off

3. Where were you living when called in the service, where have you live since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live

Answer – I lived in Duplin when I first volunteered near the line stone – & have lived there ever since.

4. How are you called in the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer & if you were a substitute for whom was it?

Answer – I Volunteered every time –

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you serve, such continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services?

Answer. Know nothing of the names of the Regular Officers – knows nothing of the names of the regiments & our general service was to guard against the British & the Tories – while on guard on the bank of the River, five light horse of the enemy came down on the opposite Bank & I fired at them.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Answer – I recollect receiving a discharge in Kinston, no not, but think it was given by Saul Livingston & it has been lost for years

7 – State the names of persons to whom you are at present known in your neighborhood & who can testify to your character for Veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer – Step Williams, John Fanin, Isom Armstrong – James Judge

S/ Nicholas Sandlin, X his mark

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