

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christian Snider R9900

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### State of Georgia Henry County

On this the twenty fifth day of July 1836 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid Christians Snider a resident of the said State and County, 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 June 7, 1832. That he is now in his seventy third year having been born in the year 1764. That Effingham County in said State is the place of his birth and that a record of his age is in the church book of Ebenezer Society in the County last aforesaid. That he was left without parents at an early period and no family record of his age was preserved. That he volunteered as a common soldier in the month of October after the soldiers returned from the siege of Savannah under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. That the Americans in attempting to storm Savannah were repelled by the British with considerable loss.<sup>1</sup> Among those who received at that siege a mortal wound was the Count d'Estaing<sup>2</sup> as the applicant was informed at the time he volunteered. That the company to which he joined as volunteer was commanded by Captain Weekley (the applicant has forgotten his given name) and that Colonel Jenkins Davis (he believes his given name was Jenkins) was the commander of the militia with whom he served. That he volunteered in the County of Effingham in said State and proceeded immediately there from under the command of Colonel Davis into the State of South Carolina crossing the Savannah River at Sister Ferry [sic, probably Two Sisters] making a raft of rails and grape vines. After crossing Sisters the applicant was stationed at Black Swamp South Carolina two miles or thereabout distance from the ferry. There was at Black Swamp no Fort but Colonel Davis stopped at the said place to make accessions to his force. At Black Swamp your applicant under the command of Colonel Davis had a skirmish with a portion of the British dragoons about sixty in number. The commander of the dragoons was killed together with his horse and our horse taken. A few days after the skirmish with the dragoons, your applicant and his associates under the command of the same officers made an attack on some British soldiers marching by Black Swamp on their way to Charleston. No injury was done the Americans and none the British in this engagement as far as could be ascertained. Your applicant left Black Swamp in the month of May after he volunteered under the officers aforesaid and marched directly as scouts up in the mountains of North Carolina to a place called

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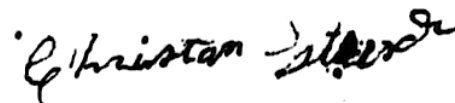
<sup>1</sup> Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

<sup>2</sup> Applicant is probably referring to Count Pulaski who was killed at the Battle of Savannah. Count d'Estaing was not killed in that battle.

Earle's [sic, probably Earle's Fort] and there remained about two weeks. About twenty miles from Earle's in the mountains the force under the command of the aforesaid officers had an engagement with a gang of Tories. Several of the Americans were taken prisoners. After this engagement the force under command of Colonel Davis was scattered. Your applicant after the above engagement with the Tories returned to South Carolina, Spartanburg District where he met with some men from Georgia and there united together without any regular commander and marched into Laurens District SC and in said district took Captain Dunlap at Hogskin Mill with some British and Tories in number about thirty. This happened about five months after your applicant left Earle's. From Laurens your applicant with his associates went back towards Spartanburg in the latter District they heard that Morgan [Daniel Morgan] was on the eve of an engagement with Tarleton and hastened forward to join Morgan but before they reached the Cowpens<sup>3</sup> by fifteen miles distant news reached your applicant that the battle had been decided in favor of the Americans. After this your applicant and his associates marched in different directions in the State of Carolina for some time in search of the Tories until he heard of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781, Yorktown, VA]. After that you are applicant returned to Georgia Effingham County where he met with Colonel Davis -- from whom he received a certificate of his service and discharge. The said certificate was kept by your applicant for a number of years and handed it to D. G. Campbell of this State in the year 1825 or six the said Campbell died and you are applicant has never since seen it. All the persons as far as your applicant knows and believes with whom he has served in the Army are dead and this applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Christian Snider

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christian Snider". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

[Henry Starr and William Griffin, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>3</sup> January 17, 1781 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_cowpens.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html)