

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Snider (Snyder) R9928

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State of Tennessee Henry County:

On the 5th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of Henry County and State of Tennessee Peter Snider Senior a resident of Henry County and State aforesaid aged about eighty-eight years 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 7th 1832. That he enlisted under Billy Richardson [William Richardson] Captain, James Conyers Lieutenant, Richardson stayed with us but a little time and then Conyers took his place as Captain, the year I enlisted I don't now recollect, it has been so long – I lived at the time I entered on the Catawba River in North Carolina in Lincoln County, we went to Dorchester, in South Carolina from there we went to Charleston, to meet the British, when they attacked Fort Sullivan, and at Stracklin's Rope Works<sup>1</sup> about three miles from Town when the Fort was attacked, after the British was beaten from Charleston, I was driving a wagon, when the drums beat for volunteers to go and fight the Indians, who had broke out west of the mountains, General Isaac Huger whom I served under, asked why we did not turn out I asked if the Enlisted men had that chance and if it would discharge them when they had whipped off the Indians he said no, that the Back woodsmen that belonged to the Regulars, had the liberty of volunteering & going, but when the Indians was beat, and they were wanting at Charleston, that he would send out his proclamation. I volunteered and went against the Indians and stayed two years before we were called back to Charleston, though was not all the two years after the Indians, the time we were absent after the Indians did not count, as service, performed upon our enlistments & when the word issued for me to come in I went back to Charleston & served out my time, during the time I was Enlisted I was often employed in going after deserters &c – there was two Davises had deserted, and were often sent for and could not be taken, I went after them & found them driving hogs out of a field. I found their guns before they discovered me & got hold of their guns and arrested them & took them to Camden jail and put them in. I was not in any general engagement but had a little fight at Cedar Spring [probably the first engagement at Cedar Springs on July 12, 1780; possibly 2<sup>nd</sup> Cedar Springs a/k/a Wofford's Iron Works, August 8, 1780] with the British & Tories, at the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], I was on a furlough and heard the firing of the guns when the battle took place, though did not take part in it. I passed through Camden about two days before Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], upon a scouting party. I cannot tell what year I enlisted or what time the circumstances took place.

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<sup>1</sup> Bobby Gilmer Moss in his *SC Patriots* interprets this as "Strickler's Rope Works."

I obtained a discharge in Charleston when my time of service expired those who signed it I have forgotten, the discharge I lost.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born

I was born in Lincoln County State of North Carolina, the year I do not now recollect but I Shelby 89 years next December as I believe.

2. Have you any record of your age

I have it in Douck [Dutch?] though I can't read it have been told that it was the record of it about 20 years sense

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

I was living in Lincoln County North Carolina when called into service, I removed I think to Georgia don't recollect the County, & think it had no name, thence moved to South Carolina, Abbeville County I think then back to North Carolina, then to South Carolina, then to Pendleton County, then to East Tennessee, Jefferson County, then to Kentucky, Warren County, then to Tennessee, Henry County where I now live & have lived for about nine years, though have moved often, about in the Counties that is not mentioned here.

4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

I took the bounty and enlisted

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such volunteer Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Service  
The General's name Isaac Ugee [Isaac Huger] a Frenchman the Captain James Conyers, I do not recollect the other officers' names

6. Did you ever Receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it

I received a discharge when my service expired at Charleston though don't recollect who signed it. I have lost it

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief as to your services as a Soldier of the Revolution

I refer for character to Jesse C Gaines and Joshua Upchurch of my neighborhood I know of no one by whom I can prove my service.

Sworn to in open Court September 5th, 1832

S/ B. C. Brown, DC Clerk

S/ Peter Snider, Senior, X his mark

[Jesse C Gaines & Joshua Upchurch gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee County of Henry: SS

On the 25th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit Court of Henry County, now sitting, Peter Snider a resident of Morgan's neighborhood in the County of Henry, State of Tennessee aged about eighty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1777, by enlisting with

Captain Richardson into the State Troops of South Carolina at Captain Forney's plantation in Lincoln County North Carolina in the 5th Regiment the Corps was riflemen – The Captain of the recruiting party was named William Richardson, the Lieutenant James Conyers who was soon promoted to the captaincy in Richardson's place. The Colonel of the Regiment was named Isaac Huger – the Major was named Benjamin Huger. He enlisted for 18 months & served out the time & received a discharge from General Huger – he went to his house in Charleston for the purpose & there obtained the discharge – From Lincoln County in North Carolina they marched to Dorchester in South Carolina from thence to Charleston to meet the British, at the time they attacked Fort Sullivan, and was at Stricklers Rope Work about 3 miles from Charleston, when he first heard the cannonading at the Fort. At the same time & in the same company in which I enlisted, my brother William Snider, who has since assumed the name of William Taylor & who has made declaration this day in order to obtain a pension, also enlisted, also Isaiah Sallyers, Martin Sallyers, William Conn, Joseph Conn, Arthur Grimes, John Grimes – all raised in the same neighborhood in Lincoln County that I was raised in

Questions by the Court –

1<sup>st</sup> Where & in what year were you born?

Answer – in Lincoln County North Carolina, I have understood in the year 1744

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

Answer – I have none –

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer – In Lincoln County North Carolina – I removed to Georgia from thence to Abbeville district South Carolina, thence back to North Carolina, then to Pendleton District South Carolina, then to Jefferson County Tennessee – then to Warren County Kentucky – then to Henry County where I now live –

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a sub?

And if a substitute, for whom?

Answer – I enlisted in the State Troops of South Carolina.

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services?

Answer – I cannot recollect any officers of higher grade except our Colonel, Isaac Huger, who afterwards I think was promoted to be a general – & Major Benjamin Huger.

After the British were beaten off from Charleston as already stated I was employed in driving a wagon for the use of the troops, when the [indecipherable word] beat up for volunteers to go against the Indians who were committing depredations West of the mountains. General Isaac Huger called to the man to turn out – I inquired of him if the enlisted men had the opportunity of volunteering against the Indians & if they would then be discharge from their enlistment after the Indians were quelled: His reply was that the Back woodsman among the regulars had the liberty of volunteering & going against the Indians, but after the Indians were beaten off I now were wanting at Charleston he would send out his proclamation to call them down. I volunteered & went against the Indians & stayed about two years before we were called back to Charleston: I was not after the Indians during all that time – the time of our absence was not counted as service performed on our enlistments, and when I received orders, I returned to Charleston and served the balance of my eighteen months. During the period of my service I was often employed in pursuing deserters. I recollect two Davises who had deserted & had often

been sent for & could not be taken. I was sent after them, on the head of Lynches Creek in South Carolina & found them in a field – they had set down their guns & before they discovered me I got hold of the guns, & with the assistance of 6 or 8 men who were with me, arrested them & took them to Camden & put them in Jail. I was not in any principle engagement, but in a little skirmish at the Cedar Spring in South Carolina against the British & Tories. I was on furlough at the time of the Battle of Cowpens & was not in it, though I was near enough to hear the firing – I passed through Camden on a scouting party about 2 days before Gates defeat. I recollect that Colonel or General Moultrie was killed at Charleston during the time of my service.

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

Answer – Yes – from General Huger of Charleston – I cannot say what became of it –

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Answer – I will name John Morgan, James Young. Now living whose evidence he could procure who could testify to his service, except his brother William Snider, alias Taylor,<sup>2</sup> who makes a declaration of this date & to which he refers to corroborate his statement.

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

Sworn to in open Court 25th of November 1833

S/ James Jones, Clerk

S/ Peter Snider, X his mark

[James Haynes, a clergyman, and Jesse C Gaines gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>2</sup> [William Taylor R10439](#)