

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Vallentine Souther R9942

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State of Ohio } SS

Belmont County }

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832, personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, Valentine Sowther, a resident of Warren township Belmont County and State of Ohio aged 72 years 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1832, 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States, when between 12 & 13 years of age [sic], with Capt Braco, & served in the first Reg't of the Maryland Line, under the following named Officers viz Col. [Peter] Adams, Major Genl [William] Smallwood, Capt Braco and continued in the service about 12 months, when he was taken sick & sent home with a Sergeant Hilray in about two months after he was taken to Annapolis, where his father obtained his discharge from the Governor of Maryland. In about two months subsequently he enlisted a second time with Sergeant Nary, rendezvoused at Anapolis under Capt Gaiter remained there about four months, when he with others were put on board of vessels & sailed to Petersburg Va Genl Smallwood, Col Adams, Major Scott & Capt Walters were his officers. He lived in Prince Georges County at both periods of enlistment. He was in the Battle of Camden, South Carolina, when Gen [Horatio] Gates was defeated [16 Aug 1780]. He served eighteen months & until the defeat of Gen Gates. He was afterwards drafted in the North Carolina Militia & served six months under Col Sowell. After he returned to Berkeley County Va. he hired as a substitute for Wm Green, & served 45 days under Capt McIntyre & was at the Surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781].

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.

[signed] Vallentine Souther