

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Saunders S18197

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State of Virginia Fairfax County: SS: On this 17th day of March 1834 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the court of Fairfax County Virginia now sitting Daniel Saunders a resident of the County of Fairfax in State of Virginia aged 84 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Viz.: He the said Daniel Saunders was drafted as a Militia man and was attached to the company of foot commanded by Captain Richard Spurr in the year 1777 and that he was marched to join the Army of the North, when he arrived a few days after the defeat of the American Army at the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], and joined the Army under General Washington, somewhere in the neighborhood of Germantown, but swear, the deponent does not at this time recollect. That he served his tour of three months and returned home, and in the spring of 1781, he was again drafted, and marched under Captain John Linton to the South and joined the Army under General Washington & his term of upwards of three months service, having expired he returned home before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. 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, or if any, only on the agency of the State of Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Daniel Saunders, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Wm Moss, CS

[John Sheid and Benjamin F. Higgs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Fairfax County: to wit

Daniel Kitchen¹ aged in and about 76 years this day appeared before me and made oath, that he is well acquainted with Daniel Saunders, and he knows that he was drafted as a militia man and was attached to the company of foot commanded by Captain Richard Spurr, in the year 1777 and that he was marched to join the Army of the North, where he arrived a few days after the defeat of the American Army at the battle of Germantown, and joined the Army under General Washington. Somewhere in the neighborhood of Germantown but where this deponent does not at this time recollect – that he served his tour of 3 months & returned home in the spring of 1781 he was again drafted and marched under Captain John Linton to the South and joined the

¹ FPA W8005

Army under General Washington, & this term of service of 3 months service, having expired he returned home before the surrender of Cornwallis.

Given under my hand & seal this 7th March 183 [last digit obliterated]

S/ Robt Ratcliffe

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]