

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Saunders S31348

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Logan County State of Kentucky: SS

On this 8th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of the County & State aforesaid David Saunders a resident citizen of said County of Logan & State aforesaid aged seventy years the 5th day of September next 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 may by 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 (To wit) That in the latter part of the summer or 1st of the fall of 1778 he was a resident citizen of Goochland County Virginia and was drafted in a company of militia commanded by Captain Gideon Hatcher belonging to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Morris Rendezvoused at Major Jos. Woodson's residence on the Banks of James River in said County & was marched from that to the City of Richmond. After remaining at this place for some days they were marched down James River to a place called Cabbin point [Cabin Point] from thence to Smithfield and then again back to Cabin Point. From Cabin Point they were then marched to Petersburg and there discharged or rather dismiss, Having been in the service three months. Again in some short time after (the precise time not now recollected) perhaps about five or six months it became his duty according to the original draft to serve another tour of duty. At this time he was put under the command of Captain Thomas Hatcher who commanded a company belonging to the Regiment still commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Morris. At this time he was marched to Richmond & again to same points mostly and some others to wit to Charles City Court House and after having served three months in the service he was marched back to Richmond and there dismissed. Again not long after he was called into service of the Country (his best recollection is in about six months) and was enrolled in the company at this time also commanded by the said Captain Gideon Hatcher still commanded by Morris. They were again taken to Richmond & there came under the command of a regular officer by the name of Magill who marched us together with the Regulars there under his command down James River to Cabin Point – Crossed the River at one Colonel Bird's again recrossed the River and had a small skirmish with the British at Farrow's Island not very distance below Richmond and having again been three months in the service they were again disbanded & Permitted to return home. At another time the British having landed there forces somewhere below Richmond and being said to be marching towards Richmond the whole of the Militia of said County were marched to Richmond and the said Saunders having been kept at said place some weeks again marched again down to said Cabin Point on James River and having served three tours of duty before the was discharged to go home while others who had not before been in the service were retained but he the said Saunders took the place of one Robert Pleasants who was required to serve longer and served a 4th tour out at said Cabin

Point and was again Permitted to Return home. His best recollection is one of the Hatcher's already mentioned then also commanded the company and Colonel Morris the Regiment to which he belonged.

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 or agency of any State whatever. He states moreover he never got a written discharge from any of the above named tours nor pay but for the tour he served as a substitute.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

David Saunders, X his mark

[Robert W. January, a clergyman, and William Morton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia militia.]