

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Traverse Sutherland S31398

VA

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State of Kentucky }

Henry County } Sct

Be it known that on this 31st day of December 1833 personally appeared before Wm McCracken a Justice of the Peace in and for said county of Henry Kentucky and one of the Justices of the Henry County Court Traverse Sutherland a resident of the said County of Henry Ky aged 88 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon 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. That is to say, having removed from Charles County Maryland where he resided to the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] in the State of Virginia he did in the month of July in the year 1777. as well as he remembers enter the Service of the United States as a private soldier and drafted militia man upon a tour of three months in the Company of Capt Rucker. that he rendezvoused with his company at the Courthouse in Culpepper County where he then lived and was attached to the regiment of Col [Philip] Pendleton. that he was marched from thence to New Jersey and in that state joined the main army under Gen'l Washington. That he continued with the Army during the whole period of his tour. that during the time of his tour the Battle of Brandywine was fought [11 Sep 1777] tho he was not amongst the troops which were actually engaged in fighting. He states that soon after the British took possession of Philadelphia [26 Sep 1777] his term of service expired and he was discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of September 1780 as well as he remembers, he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia Man and private soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Capt James. that he again rendezvoused with his Company at the Court house in Culpepper County where he still resided and that he was then attached to a regiment under the command of Col [John] Thorn and was marched from there to Fredericksburg Virginia where he was kept stationed during the whole of his tour as a part of the garrison of that place and guard for the public stores during the whole of his tour and at the termination thereof he was discharged and returned home

He further states and declares that in the month of July 1781 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted Militia Man and private soldier upon a tour of three months in the Company of Captain Rucker. that he again rendezvoused with his Company at the Courthouse in Culpepper County Va where he still resided and he was there attached to the regiment of Col Thorn. He states that he was marched from his said place of rendezvous to Fredericksburg Va where he remained sometime and was then marched and joined the main army under the Command of Gen'l Washington which was marched to York and the siege of the British Army at that place under the Command of Cornwallis commenced [28 Sep 1781]. And this declarant was present and assisted in the progress of the said siege and was present at the surrender of the British Army [19 Oct 1781] This declarant further states that soon after the surrender of the British his term of service expired and having fully & faithfully performed his tour of three months he was discharged and returned home

This declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no witness whose testimony he can now procure who can testify to his service except his daughter, Mrs Wilson with whom he now lives

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 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

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Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the said Justice

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Charles County Maryland in 1745

2^d Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer I have none at this time having lost it

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

Answer. I lived in Culpepper County Va when I was called into the service and there continued to live till about the year 1808 and then moved to Shelby County Ky where I continued to live till a little more than two months ago when I moved to Henry County Ky where I now live.

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

Answer I was drafted.

5th 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 service

Answer – My memory has so failed me from lapse of time and my advanced age that I have forgotten the names of most of the officers whom I knew, but I recollect Genls Washington Lafayette [Anthony] Wayne & [Baron von] Steuben and [Robert] Lawson and [George] Weeden and Colo Pendleton Thorn and Lewis. Upon my first tour I was with the main Army under Gen'l Washington and was with it when the Battle of Brandywine was fought though I was not personally engaged in it. Upon my second tour I was stationed at Fredericksburg Va. Upon my third tour I was with the main Army at the Siege of York.

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

Answer I received discharges signed by my officers, which I have lost.

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

Answer I will name Traverse Wilson & Harrison Wilson & Thomas Brawner Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid
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NOTE: Sutherland's application was supported by an affidavit by his daughter, Nancy Wilson, age 63.