

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Saunders S32502

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State of Indiana Allen County to wit

On this 14th day of August in the year of our Lord 1833 being the third judicial [?] day of the Allen Probate Court for the year aforesaid in that August term thereof: personally appeared in open court before the Honorable William G Ewing judge of the Court of probate of the County and State aforesaid, now sitting, James Saunders, a resident of the County of Allen and State of Indiana, aged seventy-six years who first being 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 in the Army of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated: He enlisted a volunteer in the company commanded by Captain George Cloke [George Clarke] in Regiment commanded by Colonel Willis [Robert Carter Willis] in the State troops of Virginia: that he entered said company in Berkeley County Virginia in the month of April in the year 1781, that he, with the remainder of said company were held in readiness to march at a minute's warning until sometime in the month of August in the same year. At that time he marched with said company under the aforesaid Captain Cloke and Colonel Willis from Martinsburg in said County to Winchester in Frederick County Virginia, and sometime in September in the same year we marched from Winchester to Little York Virginia, but did not arrive at Little York until a few days after Lord Cornwallis had surrendered [October 19, 1781] to the American Army under General Washington. That he assisted as one of the volunteers of the Virginia State troops under the command of Captain Cloke and Colonel Willis in guarding that share or portion of Cornwallis Army that was allocated to the State of Virginia to guard, and marched with them from little York Virginia to the Winchester barracks Virginia: and continued to guard them until in the month of March A.D. 1782 at which time, he received his discharge from the service aforesaid. That his discharge was either lost or stolen from him and a long spell of sickness which he had shortly after his return home from the service, but that he has a good reason to think it was stolen as he could not find it after a very diligent search, and that he has good reason to believe it was stolen as it could never be found after a diligent search for it. That he was born in Gloucester County Virginia, near little York, that he is a brother to Captain Cely Saunders and to Captain William Saunders,¹ that they were both commanders of ships and the former commanded a vessel laden with arms and ammunition and clothing for the American Continental Government during the Revolutionary War, was captured by the British and suffered to leave England on parole of Honor and go to France, where he died before his return home. That he personally knew General Washington, Marquis de Lafayette, General Lee, General

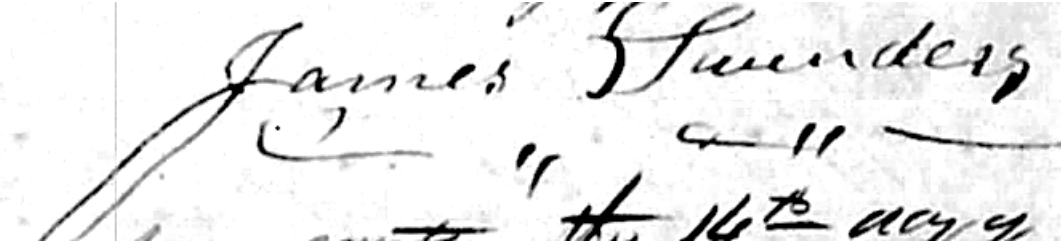
¹ [William Saunders R89](#)

Morgan, General dark and several others who were officers in the American Army.

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 and year aforesaid in open court this 14th day of August A.D. 1833

S/ James Saunders

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Saunders" followed by a flourish and the date "the 16th day of August 1833".

Sworn to in open court the 14th day of August 1833

S/ Allen Hamilton

[James Chute, a clergyman, and Thomas W Swinney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: veteran died February 2, 1834; he was survived by a widow but her name does not appear in the file; there is no family data in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66, commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 15 days in the Virginia militia.]