

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel Sutherland S32545

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State of Tennessee }  
Bledsoe County County court } May Session 1833

On this thirteenth day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the county court of Bledsoe County now sitting Daniel Sutherland a resident of Bledsoe county and State of Tennessee aged Seventy nine 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 7 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the county of Rowan and State of North Carolina he was drafted and entered the service of the United States under the command of Colonel [Joseph] Martin Captain William Knox Lieutenant Richard Grimes and ensign Abel Armstrong as a private soldier in the North Carolina Militia. He was marched under the above officers from Rowan county against the tories who had embodied themselves between Cross creek [now Fayetteville] and Wilmington, but before he reached the place of destination a battle had been fought with them. they were defeated and about eighty of them taken prisoners, who were brought back to cross creek to the Warehouse on Cape Fear river and left there to be guarded by declarant & the forces in the area, in which business he was employed about two weeks when the prisoners when the prisoners were taken off towards the north by a company of light horse. Declarant with the other force remained at the same place to suppress any rising of the tories until he was discharged. Declarant believes he was drafted for three months but for some reason unknown to him he & the troops with him were discharged without having served that length of time. He cannot from age and the consequent loss of memory tell the precise length of this tour of his service, but according to the best of his recollection was not less than two months and for which he received a written discharge from Captain Knox which is lost or mislaid but how, or in what manner he is wholly unable to tell, nor can he state the year. he recollects that he entered the service in January under Captain Knox and got it in March following. Shortly thereafter in the same year [1776] in the early part of July he recollects it was during oats harvest, he volunteered and again entered the service in Rowan under the command of General [Griffith] Rutherford Colonel Frank Locke [Francis Locke], Captain Samuel Reed Lieutenant John Grimes or Graham & ensign Moses Mitchell. He was marched under Rutherford across the mountains on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians first passing up the Catawba river and on above its head waters, then across & down Swananno [sic: Swannanoa] creek across French Broad, Little Pigeon, Big Pigeon rivers & on to a water course called Tuckasege [Tuckasegee] where the first Indian Village was found, but was deserted by the Indians, thence to Tennessee river to a place by some called the Cowee Town and by others the Watauga Town, about two miles from which General Rutherford made a halt and remained there about a week waiting for General [Andrew] Pickens who was to meet him there from South Carolina. Pickens came and the day after his junction with Rutherford we proceeded on across the country against some Indians then called the Overhills, whither Rutherford had previously dispatched one thousand of his army. Shortly after Pickens left Rutherford & on the same day he had a battle with the Indians & defeated them but with the loss of about 12 or 13 men killed & a few more than that number wounded who were brought back to Rutherford's camp to be taken care of. Rutherford and the forces under him were employed in destroying the Indian Towns & property until his forces sent against the Overhills returned shortly after which he – declarant with him returned to their homes. On the return at the camp on a branch near the Pleasant gardens on the Catawba river declarant received a written discharge from Captain Reed having this tour served three months and eleven days He has lost or mislaid this discharge, but in what manner he is unable to tell. The date of this tour and the preceeding one he cannot fix other wise than by General Rutherfords expedition against the Cherokee Indians. Not long after the preceeding tours declarant moved into Wilkes County N. Carolina when he was again drafted

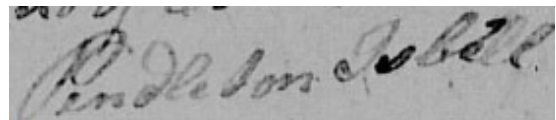
and entered the service under the command of Major Frank Hargroves [Francis Hargrove], & Captain Pendleton Isbell from where he was marched in company with companies of foot commanded by Captains Morgan & Johnson & of light horse commanded by John Cleveland and John Beverly in pursuit of some embodied Tories commanded by one [David] Fanning who made off to join the British at Charleston. Declarant & those with him pursued the Tories crossing the Yadkin river at the Shallow ford, then to Salem to Guilford old courthouse to Minden Ahls mill on Deep river Bell's mill [in Randolph County], to Cox's mill [Randolph County] and on to a place between what was called the Flat Swamp & Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River], when the pursuit was abandoned & declarant & those with him returned. Declarant was discharged from this tour at Wilkesboro having served this time from the best of his recollection not less than six weeks. Not long after the preceding tour it was understood that Fanning had returned to the settlements and was making another recruit of Tories when declarant was again called out to go against him & again entered the service under the command of Captain Pendleton Isbell and Col [Elijah] Isaacs and was under them employed in a trip similar to the last preceding one against the Tories for the term of thirty three days at the end of which he was discharged in Wilkes county by Captain Isbell on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 1781. the discharge for this tour he finds amongst his old papers and herewith transmits it. – He states that beside the preceding tours he was very often during the war called out against the Tories and was in the service for short periods sometimes for two or three weeks sometimes a week or two and sometimes out a few days, the Tories either dispersing, retreating to the British army or being defeated. He cannot with any precision state the whole length of his service during these short engagements. he is certain that it cannot be less than two months and believes it to be much more but is satisfied to claim for that much only. The whole length here stated and which declarant is satisfied falls short of his actual service during the revolutionary war is the first tour two months the second three months eleven days The third six weeks or forty two days The fourth thirty three days and under occasional & short engagements in all two months. Except the discharge herewith transmitted he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. – Declarant was born in Hanover County State of North Carolina in March 1753 according to the account given him by his parents. He has no record of his age. He was living in Rowan county N. Carolina when called into the service for the first two trips & in Wilkes County N. Carolina for the balance. After the war he returned to live in Wilkes County for about twenty three or twenty four years from there he moved to Cumberland County Kentucky where he lived about one year and from there he moved to this Bledsoe county Tennessee where he has lived for about twenty five years and where he still resides. he was drafted for all his service except one tour which he performed as a volunteer. He has given the names of his officers as well as he can recollect them & the general circumstances of his service. He received discharges & has given the only account of them which he is capable of doing. He is known in his present neighborhood to John Dalton a clergyman and Eli Thurman Sheriff of Bledsoe County and Janus A Whiteside who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution.

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 & subscribed the day and year aforesaid Daniel hisXmark Sutherland

Wilks County December 23 1781

This is Certify that Daniel Sutherlin has serv'd. a Soldier Thirty three days in my Company under the Command of Col'n. Isaacs against the Torres

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pendleton Isbell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

NOTE: In Madison County, Arkansas on 27 May 1837 Daniel Sutherland applied to have his pension transferred from Tennessee to that county, where he had lately moved because "he wished to live in a

new Country and that his daughter resided in said County of Madison.” This application gives the first name of the Col. Martin in the deposition as “Joseph.” On 15 May 1838 Sutherland applied again for the transfer, giving as the reason for his move to Arkansas that “his daughter who intermarried with John Holeman resided in Arkansas and that he this affiant was old and infirm and that he wished to live with his son in law and daughter the remainder of his days.”