

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Fortunatus Sydnor<sup>1</sup> S38160

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District of Virginia Bedford County: SS

On this 27th day of May 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County Fortunatus Sydnor aged Sixty-seven years resident in Bedford County & Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that according to the best of his recollection about the latter part of the year 1775 or the beginning of the year 1776 I enlisted under Captain Charles Dabney in the minute Service for twelve months, Dunmore's Fleet being then on our Coast we were called into service and served at Hampton & Portsmouth until our time expired as well as I remember after this Service, I went a tour in the Militia while on this Tour I enlisted in the latter part of the year 1780 or early in 1781 under Captain Samuel Eddens at York for the War: he commanding a company in Colonel Charles Harrison's artillery after a Skirmish with a party of the British at York I was ordered being then a Sergeant to conduct some recruits that were enlisted for the War to the Army which was then commanded by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & the Marquis de Lafayette. We joined the main Army at a place called Dandridge's Hill Hanover County, the British having been in the County, were then on their retreat. We pursued them and came to an action at James Town after this action I was sent to carry a couple of pieces of Artillery to the artificers then at Charlottesville Albemarle Court House from thence we were ordered to Cumberland old Courthouse until further Orders, there we got the smallpox and I was ill with it when the Siege of York took place, after the Siege we were well of the smallpox. We were ordered to Winchester to guard the Troops taken at York and there we continued till we were discharged our Regiment was at the Virginia line and General Peter Mecklenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] Commanded at Winchester Barracks where we got our discharges which was in 1783. I belonged to Captain Andrew Bohannon's Company at the time of our being discharged, that he is not nor ever was a pensioner of this State or of the United States and that the whole of his property in possession reversion or remainders is as follows viz. one cow of the value of \$12 household and Kitchen furniture \$12 that he was a citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, Contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule above, and by me Subscribed and that he is a School Master by profession, that the following members Compose his family viz. a Wife about sixty-two years

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old, and a Stepson deaf, that he is infirm in reduced Circumstances in life and needs the assistance of his Country for Support.

I James Steptoe Clerk of the County Court of Bedford do hereby certify that the foregoing oath, and the Schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the Record of the said Court and I do further Certify that it is the opinion of said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule, is \$24 and \_\_ Cents.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court on this 5th day of June 1822.

S/ J. Steptoe, CBC

[another application identical to the above was filed and dated August 29, 1822]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 27, 1822, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

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The [Virginia State Library](#) online collection pertaining to bounty land claims contains what appears to be a discharge signed by Benjamin Lincoln and bearing the name of the veteran as being a member of the 1st artillery Regiment. The discharge appears to be dated sometime in July 1782. The digital image of the document is so poor that it's contents can only be guessed at and the above summary is offered for what it may be worth.