

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Sutherland S39098
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State of Tennessee, Smith County: September 30, 1818

This day before me Parry W. Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity in & for the State of Tennessee now presiding in the said County of Smith came John Sutherland an inhabitant of said Smith County & in the 76th year of his age who being by me first duly & legally sworn the truth to declare & speak touching his services in the Army of the United States in the time of the revolution in order to attain the benefit of the act entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary War Declarant says that some time year 1775 to the best of his recollection he enlisted for twelve months service with a Lieutenant Donoho of Captain William Lytle's company in the 6th Regiment commanded at the time of his enlistment by a Colonel Lamb of the North Carolina line he was marched to Wilmington from the place of his enlistment he continued in service until his tour of 12 months had expired as he thought he had enlisted for that term only he applied for his discharge & on examination it was found his enlistment was for the duration of the war he served until the troop was discharged at or near York town in the State of Virginia after the capture of Lord Cornwallis [sic, Cornwallis] that he was in various battles during the war – he was at the battle of Germantown, of Brandywine & in sever actions in South Carolina at the Eutaw Springs, at the battle of the Cowpens – was in the Battle of King's Mountain & he is now in reduced circumstances in life is aged, infirm & without property: as to rely only on his labor & the charity of his friends for support & is in such circumstances as to require assistance from his Country for support. He has no further evidence of his service at present in his power to produce them the certificate of Captain Little with whom he served part of the time he was in the Army which certificate is hereto annexed he has long since lost his Discharge.

S/ John Southerland [sic], X his mark

Sworn & subscribed before me this 30th day of September 1818.

S/ P. W. Humphreys

State of Tennessee, Smith County Court August Term 1820

On this 14th day of August 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid John Sutherland aged seventy eight years, resident in said County, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath swear that he served in the revolutionary war as follows in the 6th North Carolina Regiment under Col Lytle in the Continental establishment; that he swore a

declaration on the 13th day of September 1818 and obtained a pension certificate and drew pay up to the 4th of September 1820 – And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the 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, securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed, to wit, an old horse, that has had his leg broke and no other property, that his occupation is a farmer, that he has no family, that he is too old to labor, and in need of the aid of the government for support.

S/ John Southerlan [sic], X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 14th day of August 1820 for the Justices of the said County Court.

S/ James Hibbets, {Seal}

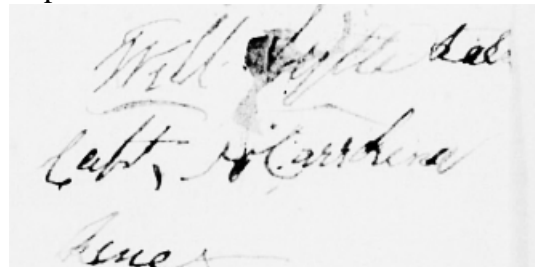
Presiding Justice of Smith County Court

State of Tennessee Rutherford County

I William Lytle,¹ late a Captain in the Revolutionary war, do hereby certify that John Sutherland served as a private in my Company in the North Carolina line for several months continuing in service 9 months or more without intermission. Given under my hand and seal August the 21st 1818.

S/ Will Lytle Seal

Capt. N. Carolina

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Will Lytle Seal" on the top line, "Capt. N. Carolina" on the second line, and "Hence" on the third line. The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 30, 1818, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

¹ [Will \(William\) Lytle S46228](#)