

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Suddoth (Suddath) S4015

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State of Tennessee Roane County: Circuit Court September term 1832

On this 11th day of September personally appeared in open Court it being a court of record, before Charles F Keith [?] Judge of the Circuit Court of Law and Equity for the County of Roane and State aforesaid now sitting Benjamin Suddath a resident of the County of Roane aforesaid aged about 72 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 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, to wit, Captain William Mason, James Nisbet [James Nesbitt ?] 1st Lieutenant & William Doach [?] 2nd Lieutenant, that he entered the service in September 1780 that he resided in the district of Alexandria [?] Fairfax County Virginia where he entered the service, that he went as a volunteer substitute in the place of William Lipeon [?], marched from said County to Colchester Town thence to Amherst [?], then to Richmond, thence [to] Fredericksburg, there crossed the Roanoke [River] to Hillsboro North Carolina, thence to Guilford Court house, then crossed the Yadkin River at the Blain [?] Ford, thence to Salsborough [Salisbury?] & Charlotte, thence crossed the Pedee [River] at the Cheraw Hills, from thence to South Carolina about 25 miles this side of Charlestown where he joined the main Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene] & General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] remained stationed there during the winter except when out on scouting parties, in the spring of the year Green's Army retreated from Cornwallis went back near the same point before described, that Cornwallis's Army overtook our Army at the Yadkin River where we had a severe scrimmage, that he continued in said service until the term of six months expired was kept in service about a month after his term of six months had expired, that he was then discharged by Captain William Mason aforesaid, that he also served a tower [tour] of four months, under Colonel West who commanded the Regiment & Jack Hereford Adjutant the Captain's name not recollected marched from Loudoun County to Falmouth, Fredericksburg towns, thence to the boling green [Bowling Green] to Williamsburg, then to Little York there joined Washington's Army remained there during the siege of York, then we and guarded the British prisoners back near the same route to Noland's Ferry, there the Maryland troops took the prisoners and was then discharged after serving four months, then one other tower of about two months under Colonel Rine or Rign reconnoitered from Fredericksburg up and down the Potomac River, then served five months under Captain Vicory [Vickory?] on a vessel by the

name of Visur [?]¹ which was laden with flour for the support of the Americans on the Haroanah [sic?] Island² was then taken prisoner by the British, was put in irons and carried to New York at that time it was in possession of the British, was then put on the British sloop of war Ann Friggit and was kept by the British until the war was over, that he served in all upwards of seventeen months that he has no documentary evidence and that it is out of his power to procure any living testimony of his services, that he is acquainted with the following persons in his neighborhood who believes he is a man of veracity and that he served as above stated, to wit, Noah Linisher [?], James Burnett, Theodorick Green, Michael Hostler, General John Brown D G [?] 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.

S/ Benja Suddt



[Charles Galloway, a clergyman, and Alexander Duggen gave the standard supporting affidavit

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia and sea service.]

¹ Visur

² Haroanah Island