

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Saunders S7444

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved May 15th 1828, I Nathaniel Saunders of Hertford County State of North Carolina do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Conyers company in the 5th Regiment Colonel Eugene [sic, Huger] commanding of the South Carolina Line. And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed May the 15th 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not on the 15th of May 1828 on the pension List of the United States. Witness my hand this 28th day of September in the year 1829.

S/ Nathaniel Saunders, X his mark

[Matthias Deans and Lemuel Valentine gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina County of Hertford: SS

On the 28th of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Nathaniel Saunders, aged about seventy-six years who being duly sworn according to law doth make his oath to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service at Charleston South Carolina in the year 1776 in the Continental Line enlisted for three years a musician in Captain Conyers Company 5th Regiment South Carolina Troops under Colonel Huger. He served at Charleston & was in the engagement in which the British took Savannah. He was also engaged in the attempt to retake Savannah, the Americans were commanded by General Lincoln, the British by General Prevost. He was discharged in 1779. His discharge was signed by Colonel Huger. (He is an illiterate man & pronounces the name Hugee). From there he came to North Carolina where in 1780 he was a substitute for Miles Blanchard in Captain Lewis Brown's company under General Caswell of North Carolina. He marched through North Carolina to Charleston where he served three months, his tour of service as a musician. He was discharged his discharge was given him by Captain (L. Brown). Afterwards he served a tour of three months as a substitute for Zedaciah Lasiter has a musician in Captain William Stevens' company North Carolina militia. He entered

at Hertford County North Carolina. He marched to Cross Creek, then to Cheraw Hills on Pedee [River] South Carolina General Arrington [sic, probably Henry William Harrington?] of North Carolina commanded; here after his term of service expired he was discharged. His discharge was signed by Captain Joe Bridgers who had succeeded Captain William Stevens in the command. He further maketh oath that afterwards and 1781 he was a substitute for Jesse Quinby and Captain Job Teates Company in Hertford County North Carolina for three months Colonel Dozier commanding the Regiment. He went as a musician with the company to North River Bridge in Currituck County North Carolina on the Virginia Line. Here the Troops were commanded by General William Gregory – after his term expired he was discharged. His discharge was signed by his Captain. He further swears that he has no documentary evidence of his services – but conceives the testimony of James Weston¹ & Charles Powell² to be very material to him which he herewith submits marked A.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to any pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed date aforesaid

S/ Nathaniel Saunders, X his mark

The court then proceeded to propound the interrogatories prescribed by the Circular of the War Department the applicant being on oath before them in open court.

Ans. 1. I was born in England came to America when only nine years old. I believe I was born 1756.

2. I have no record of my age, nor do I know of any.

3. I was living when called into the service at Charleston South Carolina that I enlisted at Charleston for 3 years in the Continental line as a substitute for Miles Blanchard

5 [sic] I enlisted in the Continental line under Captain Conyers company 5th Regiment South Carolina Troops at Charleston South Carolina as a musician for 3 years: the next tour I was drafted a private in Captain Lewis Brown's company under General Caswell North Carolina militia for 3 months the next tour (3rd) I was a substitute for Zedeciah Lassiter in Captain William Stevens's company North Carolina militia for 3 months tour General Arrington of North Carolina commanding; the next tour (4) I was a substitute for Jesse Quinby in Captain Job Seates, Colonel Dozier's Regiment North Carolina Militia, to General William Gregory, commanding.

5. I recollect among the Generals of Regulars General Howe, & General Lincoln, Colonel Huger, Colonel. Huger, Captain Shubrick & Captain Conyers

6. I received discharges from all the services that I performed but have lost them. They were given me by my captains.

7. I can refer of the government as to my character for veracity & belief of my services in the Revolution to Watson Lewis Esquire P. M. at Pitch Landing; General B. J. Montgomery, Senator in our Legislature, Dr. John F Ward

[James Delk, a clergyman, and John Vann gave the standard supporting affidavit

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In the matter of Nathaniel Saunders

James Weston a resident of Hertford County North Carolina, aged about 73, having made oath in due form of law in open Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting, saith that he is

¹ [James Weston S7858](#)

² [Charles Powel \(Powell\) S7323](#)

well acquainted with the applicant Nathaniel Saunders and that he entered the service in 1781 as Drum Major in Captain Job Teates's Company, Colonel Dozier's Regiment North Carolina that he served 3 months and that he marched to North West River Bridge, Currituck County where the troops were commanded by General Gregory.

Winton 29th of August 1832

S/ James Weston, X his mark

Charles Powell a resident of Hertford County North Carolina aged about 75 years maketh oath in open Court that he is well acquainted with Nathaniel Saunders and that he knows he entered as a musician in Captain Stevens Company & marched to Cheraw Hills South Carolina where he served a tour of 3 months.

Sworn & signed the 29th day 1832 in open Court

S/ Charles Powell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Powell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Charles Powell".

Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service in the South Carolina and North Carolina militia as a musician.]