

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Sadler S9471

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State of South Carolina, Anderson District

On this sixth day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas in the said State & for the said District now in Session David Sadler Senior residing in the State and District aforesaid, who being 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.

This applicant was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1762 – removed when a boy to York District in South Carolina and when he was 16 years and four months old was drafted to serve his Country in support of American Independence and under Lieutenant Hemphill [James Hemphill] marched to the neighborhood of Bacon's Bridge – forces commanded by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] – recollects that the Picket was attacked the night after he got into camp and that they were out for some time but cannot recollect how long, thinks three months – second tour went off in quest of British in the direction of Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779], was sick at the battle though in the immediate neighborhood – He was again in a battle at Mobley's Meeting house [May 1780]¹ commanded probably by Colonel Neil [sic, Andrew Neel, but there is no indication Neel was at that engagement] and near Colonel Bratton's [William Bratton's] fought the Tories who were commanded by Hook [sic, Christian Huck] [Williamson's plantation, July 12, 1780]² and who was killed. The American forces commanded by Bratton & Neel as Colonels. Having served these two tours which he thinks consisted of three months each he joined as a volunteer one Captain McClure [John McClure] with whom he served two tours of two months and three months but does not recollect very distinctly what they done nor where they went to being a boy & going where he was ordered. Shortly after this intelligence came that Sumter [Thomas Sumter] was getting up Forces and attempting to rally the Country with McClure joined Sumter directly after were attacked at the Fish-dam Ford [Fish Dam Ford, November 9, 1780]³ on Broad River in the night and had to retreat, followed and overtaken by them next day about dinner time when our troops resisted & beat them back till Sumter⁴ was wounded in the shoulder and they again retreated – Colonel Moffett – Colonel Neel, Colonel Bratton & Colonel Sam. Watson were all his commanders at different times but cannot tell the manner in which they succeeded. He continued with Sumter from the time he joined him until 'Wallis [sic, Cornwallis'] defeat [York town, October 19, 1781] unless when occasionally at home for a few days – was in the

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mobleys_meetinghouse.html

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishdam_ford.html

⁴ Thomas Sumter was wounded on November 20, 1780 at the battle of Blackstock's plantation
https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

battle at Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]⁵ & that day week [sic, the same day a week later] in the battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780]⁶ the hardest he was in during the war. He was for three days about Granby [February 19-21, 1781]⁷ firing on the British fortified there -- went down to a little Fort near Buckhead -- short distance below captured he thinks 18 wagons of baggage & the British guard fought hard until nearly all killed -- they were retaken that night -- crossed the Santee after Sumter's wife -- a few days after near Wrights Bluff [February 24, 1781]⁸ came on the British in ambush a heavy & disruptive fire & made to retreat -- next day tired of fighting and starving went home but he a short time again joined Sumter -- was with him in various skirmishes as often as opportunity offered until the British left the State [the British evacuated Charleston South Carolina in December 1782] -- afterwards, harassed the Tories -- became exceedingly imprudent with success -- served a tour of something like three months in the neighborhood of Orangeburg and continued serving until Cornwallis was defeated -- never had a discharge or any documentary evidence of service -- Feels satisfied that he was in actual service exceeding two years -- Hereby relinquishes all claim to pension or annuity except the present. His name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed day & year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ David Sadler

S/ Van A. Lanhone, C. C.



[Sanford Vandiver, a clergyman, & James Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, Anderson District

David Sadler of the State and District aforesaid of the purpose of amending his Declaration heretofore made in open Court with a view to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 personally appeared before me and in due form made oath to the following facts

This Deponent has now in his possession a Record of his age copied a great many years since from a copy made by his Father in the family Bible and from which he is enabled to state his birth to have been the 31st day of August in the year stated 1762 -- his first tour as stated was as a drafted man and must have been early in the year 1779 as may be seen by reference to his original declaration and was for three months which time was served out by this Deponent.

His second tour was directly after in the same year 1779 for three months, his time having expired about the time of the battle of Stono which was the latter part of June he remained for a few days until some additions should be made to the American Force, being still in the immediate neighborhood of the Enemy. This tour he claims three months for and also served as a drafted man.

His service under Captain McClure as a volunteer was early in the summer of 1780 including the tour of two months and three months, as stated in his original declaration and whilst with him, was attached to Sumter's command, was at the battle of Williamson's Plantation, the battles of Rocky Mount & Hanging Rock as before stated at the last of which McClure was killed.

His statement of service under Sumter has been very much mistaken being set down by the Department at three months. From the battle of the Fish dam Ford in November 1780 he was with Sumter as long as he had a camp which he is satisfied continued at least until the capture of Lord Cornwallis as stated in his first declaration which was in October 1781. His constant service therefore

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁷ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_1.html

⁸ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_1.html

with Sumter (except therefrom a few days he might be permitted to visit his Father which was never regarded by him as more than a temporary parole) and exclusive of the time served under McClure of five months, must have been twelve months, the different descriptions of service he saw during this time as far as he can recollect has been already set forth.

Sworn to & subscribed November 11, 1833 Before me.

S/ David Sadler

S/ Joseph N. Whitner, Notary Public & Q. U. Ex. off.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$52.79 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months and 25 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ⁹ relating to David Sadler	pp4
Audited Account No. 6711	
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No. 404 Book L

Mr. David Sadler his Account of 246 days Militia Duty in 1780, 1781 & 1782

Amounting to £31.15.8 ½ Stg. [Sterling]

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 27 October 1784 from the Commissioners of the Treasury an Indent No. 404 Book L for £31.15.8 ½ Stg. in full Satisfaction for this Account By Virtue of an Order

S/ Henry Leech



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State of South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to David Sadler

AD 1780	To 58 Days private Horseman under Capt. Bratton [Hugh Bratton] in the Indian Land	£58
AD 1780	38 Days private Horseman under Capt. McConnel [John McConnell]	£38
AD 1780	30 Days under Capt. John Wallace at the Fishdam Surprise	£30
AD 1781	40 Days A private Horseman at Bigham Church under Capt. Bratton	£40
AD 1781	February 18 th 47 Day a Private footman at Orangeburg under Lt. Ash [William Ash]	£23.10
AD 1782		

⁹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

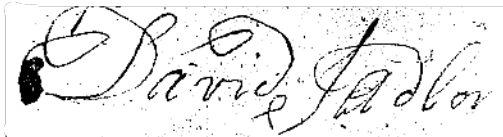
July 12th 10 Days Regimental Duty private hors
at 20S [20 shillings old SC currency] per day £10
£222.10 total
Sterling £31.15.8 ½

N: B: these Charges are included in Payee Bills which are attested

I Certify that I received Vouchers for every part of the above Account
S/ Wm Tate C. A.

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I Do hereby Impower Henry Leech to receive an Indent for the amount of My account against the State
of South Carolina & his Receipt Shall be a Sufficent Discharge from Gentlemen your Humble Servant
S/ David Sadlor

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Sadlor". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Taken before me this 12th day of April 1785
S/ David Leech JP
To the Treasurers of South Carolina