

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Philip Southerland (Sutherland) W19417 Mary Southerland VA
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King William County May 26th 1818

this day came into court Philip Southerland an old man of the age of 57 year who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he enlisted as a soldier in the service of the U.S. in the continental Establishment under Captain James Burton of the [?] th Virginia Regiment some time in the year 1777 that he served for four years in the said service was at the siege of York at the time of its surrender to the troops under Gen'l Geo. Washington [19 Oct 1781] that he was honourably and legally discharged from the said service at Winchester by Francis Taylor Col in s'd service in the year 1781 and that he the said Philip Southerland is a person in reduced circumstances in life and in need of the assistance of his country.

At the Court of Quarterly Sessions continued and held for King William County [Virginia] at the Courthouse Tuesday the 25th of May 1819 –

This day Philip Southerland a resident in this County age fifty seven years came into Court and being first duly sworn according to law made the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by 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” – That he the said Philip Southerland enlisted for the term of four years on the [blank] day of January 1777 in Richmond, State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain James Burton of the Regiment commanded by Col Francis Taylor in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps in the Service of the United States until the year 1781 when he was discharged from service at Winchester State of Virginia; that he was in the seige of York Town, Virginia [28 Sep -19 Oct 1781], and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services – And thereupon the Court doth order that the said declaration be certified to the Secretary for the department of war pursuant to the act of Congress – and the Court doth certify that it appears to our satisfaction that the said Philip Southerland did serve in the Revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration for the term of nine months at one time against the common enemy on the Continental establishment, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support–

District of Virginia Ss

On this the twenty ninth day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a Court of record for the County of King William, Philip Southerland, aged sixty years, a resident in the County of King William in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: “as a private soldier in the seventh Continental Regiment, and company commanded by Captain James Burton under Colonel Francis Taylor in the Continental line, and his original ws made on the 26th day of May 1818, the number of his pension Certificate is “13,479”. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18 day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or by any means disposed of my 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, 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, that is; One young bay mare, one Carryall, one feather Bed, bedstead and furniture, three sitting chairs, one Iron pot – that he is a farmer by occupation. That his family consists of a wife 70 years of age unable to support herself, one daughter Nancy who resides with him occasionally and works for her own support, and that he stands in

need of the assistance of his country for support”.

“Philip Southerland.”

NOTE:

On 20 Dec 1837 Mary Sutherland, 80, applied for a pension stating that she was formerly the widow of Thomas Twinney, “a revolutionary soldier in the militia service,” whom she married in Jan 1780 and with whom she had one child, named John. She stated that Thomas Twinney had been drafted into the Militia in King William County and marched under Captain Christopher Tompkins to Williamsburg, where he died six months later in 1781 while in service. She then married Philip Southerland, who died in 1831.

The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 26 Jan 1780 by Thomas Twinney and Richard Johnson for the marriage of Twinney to Mary Ware, daughter of Thomas Ware, deceased. Also in the file is a bond signed on 15 Sep 1790 by Philip Southerland and John Whitworth for the marriage of Southerland to “Mary Twinnee widow.” On 11 March 1843 John Twinnee of King William County, aged 63 on the following 29 May, stated that he was the son of Mary Sutherland by her first husband, and that in September 1790 his mother married Philip Southerland, who died on 29 March 1832. A typed summary states that Mary Sutherland died 27 March 1843 in King William County. On 27 Nov 1857 Thomas D. Sutherland assigned power of attorney to secure any pension payments due to the heirs of Philip and Mary Sutherland.

On 11 March 1843 James Whitlock (pension application S11742) stated that “some years ago there was a suit instituted against the aforesaid Philip Sutherland for slander, and a judgement awarded in favour of the Plft. [plaintiff] and he was compelled to sell some property, which he had gotten by his wife, in order to raise the money and I suppose that unless they had been married that her property would not have been sold to pay the said award.”