

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Saunders W5986

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Virginia

Caroline County to wit

On this 15th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Caroline County at a court of quarter sessions held at the Court House in and for the said county George Saunders a resident of Caroline County aged seventy 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 provision of the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the fall of 1780 and served in the first Virginia State Regiment under the following named officers. That he entered into the service in the company commanded by Capt. Philip Sansom [sic: Philip Sansum] under an enlistment for the term of eighteen months. that he was marched to Chesterfield Court house and was placed under the command of Col. [Richard] Campbell and marched to South Carolina and was attached to Genl. Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] command a few days before the battle at Guilford Courthouse [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. That he was in the said Battle. from thence he was marched to Camden, where there was an engagement with the Brittish [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781]. he was then marched to Ninety Six [SC] and assisted in the Seige [22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. he was then march to the high hill [sic: High Hills] of Santee and encamped for about one month. he was then ordered in pursuit of the Enemy and came up with them at Eutaw Springs [Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] he was then detailed from the main army and was attached to the Governors Gaurd where he remained untill the expiration of the term of eighteen months for which he enlisted – he then joined the main army and at Salisbury [NC] rec'd. his discharge. That after leaving the army he settled up with the auditor of Virginia and gave in his discharge. That at the time of his enlistment he was a resident of Caroline County and has resided there principally ever since – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] George Saunders
[Saunders's service was certified by David Stern (pension application W25145) and by Christopher Loving (possibly pension application S38153).]

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Geo. Sanders/ age 18/ height 5 6¾/ planter/ born and residing in Caroline County/ dark-brown hair/ gray eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

On 14 Nov 1848 Elizabeth Saunders, about 78, applied for a pension stating that she married George Saunders in 1792, and he died 14 Apr 1847. R. Saunders of King and Queen County acted as her agent. Lucy Kidd, her sister, certified the marriage. As further proof of marriage Elizabeth Saunders submitted a copy of a family register written by her husband in an old book, certified by Eliza Saunders, and transcribed as follows:

Thornton Sanders was born on 10th of March 1793

Robinson Sanders was born 25 August 1795

Henry Sanders was born 27th March 1797

Eliza Sanders was born 30th August 1803

Lucy Sanders was born 11th July 1805

William Sanders was born 13th Nov'r. 1808