

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Daniel Sutherland (Southerland) W6608¹ Isabella fn62NC
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[fn p. 11] and in

State of Georgia, Franklin County

On this second day of May 1836 Personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary for said County, Daniel Southerland, a resident of Captain Ferraby's District in the County of Habersham & State aforesaid, aged about 70 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 made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he volunteered & entered the service of the United States in 1777 at Guilford Court house in the State of North Carolina where he then resided, under Captain John Nelson, Colonels Paisley & Martin, Major Owen & General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] were all commanding officers—was marched from Guilford Court house to the head of the Catawba River to a place called the Pleasant Gardens in the Indian nation where we were stationed for some time. From there he was marched to what was called the big Town house on the Tennessee River, which place we burnt together with several other towns & killed some of the Indians. He was then marched to the Valley Towns on Valley River, which towns we also burnt & cut down & destroyed the corn & everything else we could find belonging to the Indians. He was then marched back to the Pleasant Gardens where he was discharged. Served this tour three months.

In April 1778, he again volunteered in Guilford County, North Carolina under Captain John Dooly & was marched to Fort Dooly in Wilkes County in the State of Georgia, where he remained for some time. He was then marched to Fort Heard, he thinks in the same County. He was then marched to the head of Long Creek, where he was stationed some time, during which time they had a skirmish with the Indians, when his Captain Thomas Dooly was killed (Captain John Dooly being promoted to Colonel—Thomas Dooly was put in his place)--he was then marched back by Fort Dooly to Guilford County, N Carolina where he was discharged. Served this tour, three months.

He again entered the service at Guilford Court house in May or June 1779 [1780] under Captain Oniel [sic, probably Capt. Peter O'Neal] or Brashear [Capt. Asa Brashears], & was marched into South Carolina to join General Gates [Horatio Gates], which we did about a day's march from Camden, was in the Battle of Camden, or Gates' Defeat.² Before he joined Gates' army, he was marched to Salisbury & to the mouth of the Rocky River, at which place we had a skirmish with the Tories. From Gates'

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² August 15-16, 1780

Defeat he was marched back to Guilford County, N. Carolina, where he was discharged, having served this time three months.

He again entered the service at Guilford Court house, N Carolina in the fall or winter of 1780, under Captain May or Moore, but from some circumstance, Captain May or Moore did not march with us, when he, declarant was appointed by Colonel Martin to take the command of the company, which he did during this tour. We marched from Guilford down into Randolph & Chatham Counties after the Tories, Colonel Fannin [sic, David Fanning] being at their head. Had several skirmishes with the Tories, after which he returned back to Guilford & was discharged by Colonel Martin, having served this time three months-- Served in all 12 months, nine months as a private, and three months as a Captain.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State. The reason this declarant has made his Declaration in Franklin County, instead of Habersham where he resides, is because he lives nearly on the line, and being more Convenient for him than the County in which he resides.

Interrogatories of the Court --

[1st: When and in what year were you born?]

Was born in Prince William County in the State of Virginia in the year (he thinks) 1764.

[2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?]

has no record of his age.

[3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?]

Was living in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina has lived in Montgomery County in Virginia, in Surry County North Carolina, in Pendleton District South Carolina, & in Habersham County in the State of Georgia where he now resides.

[4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?]

He always volunteered, never served as a Substitute.

[5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.] Colonel Armstrong, General Gates & General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], were sometimes with the troops where he served, served under Colonel Isaacs, General Rutherford, & Colonel Dooly, Colonel Martin & Colonel Paisley & Colonel Davidson – has stated the General Circumstances of his services in the body of his Declaration.

[6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?]

Did receive one discharge from Captain Nelson but it is now lost or destroyed. He never received any Commission, but served as Captain under the order of Colonel Martin.

[7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.]

I [am] known to Rev. Littleton Meeks & Russell Davis who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Does not know of any person by whom he can prove his services more fully than he has done except by Isaac Horton who is infirm and lives in Hall County Georgia, & by James Southerland Esq. of Pickens County South Carolina, he does not know that they are now in life but will endeavor to obtain their Testimony, he also knows Mrs. Quilliam who now resides in Habersham & Michael Hutchins of Gwinnett County Georgia.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Daniel Southerland, X his mark

Attested: S/ Thos. King, Clk

[Littleton Meeks, a clergyman, and Russell Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[John F Lilly, the administrator of the estate of Isabella Southerland, widow of Daniel, states that she died in Lumpkin County, Ga. and Bradly County, East Tenn. where she was forced on account of her loyalty to the Union., on January 2, 1865 [how does one die in 2 counties?]

[fn p. 19, Isabella Southerland filed her own pension on May 7, 1853 in Lumpkin County, Ga saying that she was 56 years old; that she married Daniel Southerland in Franklin County State of Ga in or about the year 1829 in April about the 6th day of the month; that her maiden name was Isabella Haggood [spelled Hegwood in another document in the file; could be Isabella Haygood]; that Daniel died in September 1837; that she has remained a widow ever since.]

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State of South Carolina, Pickens District

Before me William L. Keith Clerk of the Court and by Virtue of Office Justice of the Quorum Personally appeared James Southerland³ Esquire a Citizen of said District and made oath and upon oath saith that he was well acquainted with one Mr. Daniel Southerland who lived in North Carolina Guilford County in the time of the Revolutionary War who served a Tour of duty of three months against the Indians I think the Over Hill Indians some time before Gates' Defeat-- And further says upon oath that the said Daniel Southerland served another three months Tour as light Infantry with this deponent under the Command of Colonel Davidson and Major John Armstrong and Captain Essey Basaur against the British at Gates defeat in South Carolina near Camden. Also saith on oath that the said Daniel Southerland served another Tour (but not recollected the Term of time) against the Tories near the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River in North Carolina nor don't recollect the commander but recollect of his starting and returning home. Also the said Daniel Southerland served another Tour with this deponent – he thinks about three months against the Tories under the command of Colonel Paisley and I think Captain Moore in Randolph County & Chatham in said war as they was drafted for three months but he thinks they did not serve their time quite out this deponent being aged and infirm don't recollect the dates of his services. Sworn to the 23rd day of August A.D. 1836.

Before S/ William L. Keith
CC & Exoff Qu.

S/ James Southerland



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Georgia, Gwinnett County

Personally appeared before me Isaac Gilbert a Justice of the peace in and for said County Michael Hutchings who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Daniel Southerland of Habersham County who he is informed is now applying for a pension in the time of the Revolutionary War.

Here the deponent Michael Hutchings states that Donald Southerland lived in Guilford County North Carolina at the time he done Service in the time of the Revolutionary war on behalf of the United States he Entered into Service in the above said County and was under the Command of Captain Asa Barshears [Asa Brashears] and Served that tour three months Entered into the service again in Guilford County North Carolina under the command of Captain Dooly & was marched into Georgia & Served

³ [James Southerland S21991](#)

that tour three months.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this second day of January 1837.

S/ Isaac Gilbert, JP

S/ Michael Huchins, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]