

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Philemon Sutherland W6609 Frances Sutherland VA
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State of Virginia Campbell County towit

This day [23 Aug 1839] John Willard [pension application S41365] personally appeared and after being duly sworn before me Henry T. Early a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and after being duly sworn according to Law Sayeth that sometime during the early part of the revolutionary War the precise year he does not recollect but thinks it was between the year of 1770 and 1780 he resided in the County of Prince Edward in the state aforesaid, and that about the aforesaid time Billy [William Sutherland] and Phill or Philemon Sutherland of said County enlisted in a Rifle Company for two years service which Company was commanded by Capt John Morton [S9035], that the said Capt Morton marched to Norfolk or its vicinity and from thence to the north. that one of these aforesaid Sutherlands died at the north, and that the other after serving out the term of his enlistment returned to Prince Edward County and married a daughter of William Penic of said County, but cannot say whether it was Billy or Phill Sutherland who died at the North. and I do hereby certify that the said John Willard is a man of reputable standing and full faith and credit should be given to his statement

State of Virginia: Franklin County toWit

On this second day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty personally appeared before the County Court of the County of Franklin in open court Francis Sutherland [sic] a resident of and in the County of Franklin aged seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows". That she is the widow of Philemon Sutherland who was a private in the army of the United States in the Revolution that the said Philemon Sutherland enlisted as a private about the commencement of the said war in a Rifle Company under one Capt John Morton in the County of Prince Edward in Virginia. That he marched to Norfolk in the said state, from whence he shortly thereafter was marched to Philadelphia and joined the main Army under Gen'l Washington and was in the battle of Trenton [26 Dec 1776]. She believes he was mustered into [Daniel] Morgan's Division and fought in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777]. She further states that he enlisted for the term of two years which he served out and then returned home and afterwards volunteered again in the service under what officer she does not now recollect, and marched to Little York in Virginia, and aided in and was present at the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] She does not recollect how long his last term of service continued. The said Francis Sutherland further states that her said husband had a brother William Sutherland who enlisted at the time first before specified along with the said Philemon Sutherland, that they were known as and commonly called Phil Sutherland & Bill Sutherland that the said William died in the service, and from some mistake ensuing as she supposes from the similarity of the names by which they were called it was reported in the returns that Phil Sutherland had died, when in fact it was the said William that it was understood by their father, that it was Philemon She refers to the affidavit presented with this declaration to show that it was Philemon who survived.

She further declares that she was married to the said Philemon Sutherland in the said County of Prince Edward on the 9th day of April 1782 and she refers to the official certificate of the Clerk of Prince Edward County marked A and annexed hereto – that her husband, that her husband the aforesaid Philemon Sutherland died in the County of Franklin in Virginia to which he had removed many years ago & of which he continued then to be a resident to the day of his death on the 12th day of July 1811. that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz. at the time above stated

[signed] Frances Sutherland

NOTE: A copy of the marriage record states that Philip Southerland and Fanny Penick were married by John B. Smith on 9 April 1782. A typed summary states that Frances Sutherland was the daughter of William Penick. On 20 March 1844 she gave her age as 78.