

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Saunders¹ W8699 Ann P.

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[f p. 10]

State of Virgin, Caroline County: To Wit

At a court of monthly sessions held for the County of Caroline At Court House on the 9th day of July 1832, personally Appeared before the justices Richard Saunders a resident of the said County aged sixty-nine years, who being duly sworn according to Law oath doth on his oath make the following declaration in order To obtain benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed The 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States About February 1779 for the term of eighteen months in the town of Port Royal in the county of Caroline. That he marched from Fredericksburg Virginia, to Wilmington in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Hord: Was ordered South under Major Lewis and at Petersburg, Virginia, Was ordered to Savannah, Georgia in the Regiment commanded by Capt. Richard Parker and Captain Benjamin Taliaferro; after the Siege at Savannah he returned to Augusta and took winter Quarters. In the spring of 1780, marched to Charleston South Carolina Where he was taken prisoner [may 12th, 1780] and confined fourteen months. Some of which was on board a prison Ship. In 1781, was shipped from Charleston to Old James Town in Virginia, was exchanged and marched to Williamsburg here he was discharged. That from the time of his enlistment to the time of His Discharge was two years four months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any other State (or any) in that of the agency of the state of Virginia.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

Signed Richard Saunders²

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above Named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states.

I, John S. Pendleton, Clerk of the County Circuit of Caroline do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original Proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Richard Saunders for a pension. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand And Seal of Office this 9th day of July 1832.

S/ John L. Pendleton. Seal

¹ BLWt6023-160-55

² Not the actual signature of the veteran but rather the name of the veteran written by the scribe

[f p. 30]

I do hereby certify that Richard Saunders was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war & was taken prisoner by the British on the surrender of Charleston South Carolina in the year 1780. That he remained 5 months a prisoner in the barracks and 9 months on board a prison ship and that he was exchanged 1781 and landed at old James Town and was discharged at Williamsburg. Given under my hand this 13th day of September 1830

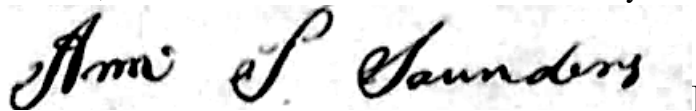
S/ James Samuel³

[f p. 32]

I do hereby certify that Richard Saunders enlisted as a soldier in the American Army during the revolutionary War and was marched into service. Given under my hand this 13th day of September 1830

S/ George Saunders⁴

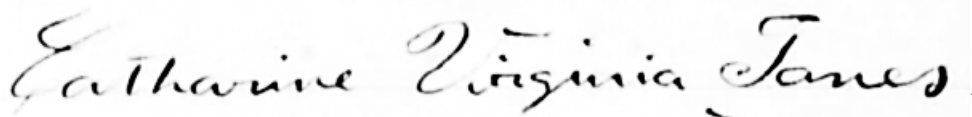
[f p. 12: On January 15, 1855 in Richmond Virginia, Ann P. Saunders, 55, widow, filed petition for her pension under the 1853 act, saying she married Richard in Caroline County on 12th June, 1834; that they were married by Rev. Philip Long; that her maiden name was Wharton; and that Richard died in Caroline County 19 June 1838.



Ann P. Saunders]

[f p. 13: Copy of a marriage bond dated June 12, 1834 issued to Richard Saunders and Robert Sale in Caroline County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of Richard Saunders to Ann Wharton.]

[f p. 8: On September 22, 1887 in Louisa County Virginia, Catherine Virginia Saunders, now the wife of Robert L Jones of said County, gave testimony that she was one of only 2 children born to Richard Saunders and his wife Ann Puller Wharton [could be Ann Pullen Wharton]; that her father was a revolutionary war pensioner up until the time of his death on June 19, 1838 at the age of 75; that her mother likewise was a pensioner but did not begin drawing her pension until 1856 which she drew until her death December 4, 1861 at age 61; that her brother, John Wren Saunders born December 22nd, 1836, now lives in California; that she was born March 31, 1835.



Catherine Virginia Jones]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

³ [James Samuel S41117](#)

⁴ Perhaps the same man as [George Saunders W5986](#)

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Addendum to Richard Saunders W8699

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 1 April 2021.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also contains copies of the certificates by James Samuel and George Saunders transcribed from the federal file.]

This day Rich'd Saunders Came before me a Justice of the peace for the City of Richmond and and made Oath that he enlisted as a Soldier in the old Revilutionary war in January 1779 and that his Capt. name was Benj'a Taliaferro that he was taken prisonner at Charles Town South Carolinia where he was kept as a prisoner fourteen months nine of which on bord of the prison Ship Fidillity [*Fidelity*] and then Brought round to old James Town and was Discharged at Willimsburg and that from the time he enlisted until he was discharg'd was two years and for months Rich'd Saunders
he above was subscribed & sworn to on the 17 Sept'r 1830 by Rich'd Saunders before me James Rawlins an alderman in & for the ct'y of Richmond.