

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Kenneth Sutherland: S30724

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State of Kentucky}

Woodford County} SS

On this 29th day of July 1841 personally appeared before Hiram Wilbert a justice of the peace in and for sd County Kenneth Sutherland a resident of said county of Woodford and State of Kentucky, aged Eighty three 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 7th day of June 1832 entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution" That he was drafted as a private in the army of the Revolution from the County of Orange and State of Virginia that he served nine months under Capt William Buckner, and six months under Capt George Waugh while under him was in the service at James Town while under Capt Buckner, he was in the service at Petersburg, and at the seige at Little York, and rec'd his discharge at Fredericksburg, which he has lost The declarant states that from the great length of time and for want of recollection he is unable to to give the dates of the different times he entered the service also the particular regiments to which he was attached but recollects that he was part of the time under the comand of Col. Stephens and part of the time by Gen'l. Washington in person. The declarant 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 of any state.

Kenneth hisXmark Sutherland

State of Kentucky}

Woodford County} SS

On this 24th day of February 1842 personally appeared before me Fielding Davis a justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid Kenneth Sutherland who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration amendatory to his former declaration [illegible word] a pension for services in the war of the Revolution addition to what he has already stated that he is an illiterate man he remembers however that while he was under Capt Waugh that a good many of the men broke from it & went home but he was disposed to obey his officers & stayed & served two tours of three months each six months in all as stated in his former declaration he was then transfered to Capt Buckner & served under him three tours of duty of three months each the War was coming to a close and he remembers that while he was under Buckner a good many of the married men went home at different times & some without being discharged or furlowed but he was a young & unmarried man & they refused to discharge him till the war was ended and he disposed to obey his superior officers stayed in service nine months under Buckner as he believes Buckner was his Capt. he remembers he was stationed some time at Albemarle Barracks and while there was sick from eating Beef and drinking muddy water his Father brought him some bacon to eat and he got well when they marched from Albemarle Barracks Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne took the front and he followed on; he does not remember the name of his Gen officer but states they were put under regular officers and were marching to besiege the Fort at York Town he remembers he states that he remembers they had a scrimmage with the Brittish & killed two or three hundred of the Brittish and Gen Wayne ordered the Country people to bury the dead and marched on and they had another engagement. the Brittish were two hard for Wayne and Gen Morgan [see note below] covered Waynes retreat he states that when they arrived before the fort at York he had to work very hard digging trenches he states he remembers that after the English surrendered [19 Oct 1781] he marched to guard the prisoners by the Bowling green [in Caroline County] to Fredericksburg and then they were marched into the old field and by the word of mouth they were discharged. he remembers they were very hungry and had received no money of their pay and he went in company with a mess mate to the house of an acquaintance of his and got something to eat he states he knows of no living witness by whom

he can prove his services except Benjamin Adams whose deposition has already been filed he states that he took affidavits some years since while he lived in Orange County Virginia but whether those witnesses are living or what has become of his papers he does not know

When and in what year was you born

Ans. I was born on the 22nd day of May 1762 in the County of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] State of Virginia have you any register of your age and if so where is it

Ans my age is set down in my Fathers old Bible and it is now in my possession

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolution and where do you now live

Ans When called into service I lived in Orange County State of Virginia I continued to live there untill 1834 I then removed to Woodford County Kentucky where I now live

How were you called into service were you drafted or were you a volunteer or a substitute

Ans. I allways considered my self a drafted soldier except one tour of duty of three months I served as a substitute for one William Proctor who hired me to serve in his place

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Malitia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Ans I have already in the body of my declaration stated what I remembered upon the subject of those Interogatories and would further add that Gen Wayne joined us at Brocks Bridge [on North Anna River in Orange County, 10 June 1781] and I was acquainted and remember an officer by the name of Meriwether I think he was a Major

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given

Ans I do not now remember of ever having received a written discharge the officers marched us out into the old field as I before stated and said soldiers you are discharged

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that he is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

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NOTE: On 6 July 1781 at Green Spring on Jamestown Island, Lafayette and Wayne engaged Cornwallis and killed or wounded 77, compared with more than 125 American casualties. Gen. Daniel Morgan, having come out of retirement and raised a new corps of dragoons, joined Lafayette that evening.