

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Southerland: S21991

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State of South Carolina}

Pickens District}            On this twelfth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eighth hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Josiah J Evans in the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas now sitting for the district aforesaid James Southerland a resident of Pickens District in the State aforesaid aged Sixty nine 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated He turned out as a Volunteer in Surry County in North Carolina under Capt A Bostick and went under him to the Court House and was under Capt Shepherd while there he remained there near two weeks he was discharged and went home He was then drafted to go to the South under Capt Brashears of the light Infantry Col [Charles] Porterfield who was wounded at the Battle near Camden [in South Carolina on 16 Aug 1780] & died at Rugeleys Mills This declarant was at the Battle at Camden or Rugeleys Mills the place called Gates defeat he served his tour of three months out of the State of North Carolina - at this time - On returning home again he substituted in the room of William Bowden of Surry County N.C. under the command of Capt Edwin Hickman at this time he went under Gen'l [Nathanael] Greene to the South & was under Col Malmady [sic: Marquis Francis de Malmedy] when he got to Col Thompson on Santee [in SC] where he was put into the Hospital or he should have been in the Battle at Eutaw [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781]. he remained there untill the army returned over the Congaree River when he joined them & went on Northward & was discharged at the place about thirteen miles South of Salisbury [NC] On his return home he was drafted & turned out under Col Paisley [sic: John Peasley] and was following Col [David] Fanning a Tory who was committing depredations in Randolph Chatham & other [counties] in N.C. was out about one month he was sent home for a short time and caled out again and was in the scouting service other Two months or the balance of his time or at this draft three months he was discharged for three months at this time This last mentioned service he performed he found his own horse and was in the service as a Horseman that he has no documentary evidence of his service, and knows of no person except William Southerland whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his services and his affidavit is herein endorsed This declarant was born in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia his Father moved in to North Carolina before the Regulation Battle [at Alamance Creek NC, 16 May 1771] & Settled in what was afterwards caled Guilford County: He resided in that County till after the Revolutionary War and came into Spartingburg [sic: Spartanburg] county in S Carolina resided there Sixteen or Eighteen years he then moved the to Olenoy [sic: Oolenoy River] in Pendleton District now Pickens Dist where he has resided for the last Thirty years He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State Sworn to and Subscribed in Open} Court the day and Year aforesaid}            [signed] James Southerland