Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Kitchen VAS1101 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia

Petition for Bounty land Daniel Kitchen – Sergeant State Line

The name of Daniel Kitchen has not been found on the Army Register.

The evidence relied upon this – the Declaration on oath of Daniel Kitchen, that he volunteered as Sergeant in the Virginia line in Captain John Linton's Company of Infantry on the first day of April 1781, and served to the end of the war: – also the affidavit of Daniel Saunders whose credibility is not proved, which states that the affiant was well acquainted with Daniel Kitchen, and knows that he volunteered in the service in the Virginia line, under Captain John Linton, early in the spring of 1781, and continued in service until the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781 –

Respectfully Submitted John H Smith Commissioner May 12th, 1834

To his Excellency Governor Tazewell

State of Virginia Fairfax County: SS

Daniel Kitchen a Revolutionary Soldier this day appeared before me Robert Ratcliffe Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he volunteered in the service in the Virginia line as a Sergeant in Captain John Linton's Company of foot in Colonel Meriwether's Regiment on the first day of April 1781 and continued in the service until the end of the war at which time he was honorably discharged and also further declares that he has never received any Land promised him on the part of the State of Virginia for services by him Rendered during the Revolutionary War and that he has never assigned said claim to any person or persons whatsoever.

Given under my hand & seal this 7th day of March 1834 S/Robert Ratcliffe, JP

State of Virginia Fairfax County: to wit

Daniel Saunders¹ aged in and about eighty-four years of age this day appeared before me Robert Ratcliffe a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, and made oath that he is

¹ Probably the same man as **Daniel Saunders S18197**

well acquainted with Daniel Kitchen above named and knows that he volunteered in the service of the Virginia line under Captain John Linton's company of Foot which was attached to Colonel Meriwether's Regiment – early in the spring of 1781 and that he continued in the Army until after the time when General Cornwallis surrendered at the Siege of Yorktown.

Given under my hand this 7th day of March 1834

S/ Robert Ratcliffe

Power of attorney signed by Daniel Kitchen

[Note: The veteran's signature looks remarkably like that appearing in the file of Daniel Kitchen W8005, but the services claimed in the 2 documents do not match at all so I have treated them as separate veterans, but I believe it to be possible they are one and the same man.]