

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Marler R6934

Sarah Marler

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State of Missouri Washington County: SS

On this nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord 1851 personally appeared before me John H. Stone Judge of the Circuit [Court] of law within and for the said County of Washington and State of Missouri aforesaid, Sarah Marler a resident of Washington County in the State of Missouri aged ninety-one 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 law of the United States passed on the 21st of July 1848. That she is the widow of Joseph Marler who was a private soldier in the service of the United States in the American revolutionary war and attached to a Company of volunteers Commanded by one Captain McCreery [Robert McCreary or McCreery]. This company was raised on Pedee [River] in the State of South Carolina and was attached to a Regiment commanded by one Colonel Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. That he the said Joseph some time on or about the 1st of June 1780 volunteered under the aforesaid Captain and was mustered into service in said Company on the bank of the Pedee River in the State of South Carolina and then immediately took up the line of march formed a Junction with Colonel Sumpter on his march in direction to Camden he the said Joseph Marler continued his march under the Command of Sumpter until he reached a spot of woods near Camden where the militia under Sumpter had a skirmish with the British troops. This skirmish took place sometime in July 1780 and as well as applicant now recollects a Battle was fought at Camden about the 17th of July 1780 being shortly after the aforesaid skirmish, at Camden the Americans were beaten back and compelled to retreat. The company to which the said Joseph Marler the long rendezvoused in a short time after the Battle that is to say so many as survived the Battle, some of whom having been killed and wounded, on the Pedee River and from thence under the said Captain McCreery took up the line of march in direction to a place called the Cowpens on this route the troops under Captain McCreery was engaged in reconnoitering the enemy, had several skirmishes with the enemy particularly with the Horse or British Cavalry commanded by one Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] he the said Joseph Marler continued in said last mentioned service and was marched from point to point as emergency required watching the movement of the enemy until the latter end of the year 1780 or about the beginning of the year 1781 about which time the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] was fought in which the Americans were victorious under the command of Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and Washington [William Washington] at the Beginning of the Battle the militia was repulsed by the enemy of which the said Joseph was the of said militia but the Tide of battle changing the

militia took new courage rallied and assisted the regulars in repulsing the enemy. This applicant further states that after the Battle of the Cowpens the said Joseph Marler continued under the command of said Captain McCreery and was engaged in reconnoitering and watching the movement of the enemy between Camden and the state line of North Carolina that in the early part of the year 1781 the Company to which the said Marler belonged entered North Carolina and marched in direction of Hillsborough in the said State of North Carolina and that near Hillsborough the company to which the said Marler belonged with a few militia around Hillsboro had a skirmish with the Tories near a place called Lindley's Mills [September 13, 1781] in which the Tories were defeated. Here near Hillsborough and within the County of Orange NC the said Joseph Marler was engaged in reconnoitering the Tories and watching their movements and was marched from point to point until news reached the Company that Lord Cornwallis was in pursuit of the General Greenie [sic, Nathanael Greene], the said Captain McCreery gave orders to his company of which Joseph Marler was [a] member to march in direction of Guilford Court House about the latter end of February 1781 or about the middle of that month the company took up the line of march near Haw River in direction to Guilford and about the first of March 1781 formed a Junction with General Greene near Guilford Court House and sometime in March 1781 perhaps the 5th of March 1781 [sic, March 15, 1781] a Battle took place near Guilford Court House between the troops on commanded by General Greene and the British forces commanded by Lord Cornwallis. The Battle was obstinate the Americans at length gave way and General Greene retreated to the Iron works. The said Joseph Marler was in this Battle and from what I could learn from him and others who had returned from Battle to their homes at the conclusion of Hostilities. It seems that General Campbell by some called Colonel Campbell commanded the Virginia Riflemen on the left of General Greene and that those troops did great execution in the ranks of the enemy -- in the Battle also the said Marler still continued with the North Carolina militia, applicant further states That after the Battle of Guilford he was engaged in a scouting party and was also the company to which he belonged and assisted in harassing the rear of Lord Cornwallis's Army on his march towards Virginia. That his Lordship crossed the Dan River and the Company to which said Marler belonged remained on the North bank thereof and was afterwards engaged in reconnoitering the Country on the borders of North Carolina and within the interiors thereof watching the movement of the Tories until about the month of July 1781, he obtained leave to return to the Pedee River where he was born in 1750 as applicant is informed and verily believes and that he was ever considered and said to be 10 years older than his self and also by a Bible showing the ages of applicant and her said husband which said Bible is either lost or mislaid or destroyed. Applicant states that she knows of no discharges her said husband ever received but that her said husband served and went on the expeditions aforesaid she well recollects that the Battles herein named she well recollects that the said Marler fought in the within named battles she cannot positively state but believes such was the fact because she had heard it so stated by persons who had returned from service and had been in battle with the said Marler -- and that she had heard it frequently from man who had been with him in all the battles herein enumerated. This applicant remembers that the said Marler entered the service in June 1780 as herein stated and continued in said service until July 1781 making in the whole 12 months service and a little upwards. That her said husband the said Joseph Marler resided near Pedee River in the said State of North Carolina when he volunteered as aforesaid. That she was married to the said Joseph Marler sometime in the summer of the year 1780 whilst in service and on Tyger River in the said State of South Carolina by a Justice of the peace and that she has reason to believe she was born in the year 1760 & that her name before her said marriage was

Sarah French. That her husband the aforesaid Joseph Marler died on the 11th day of October 1834 in the County of Washington in the State of Missouri in consequence of a Dropsical disease and that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proofs hereto annexed and further she has no record of her said marriage nor can she procure any. The Bible containing that this Memorandum being lost mislaid or destroyed and further saith Sarah Marler the claimant herein has no documentary evidence in her possession which she can produce in support of her said claim.

S/ Sarah Marler, X her mark

[p 7 : On June 24, 1852 in Washington County Missouri, Joseph Marler (relationship, if any, not stated) gave a supporting affidavit saying that he heard Joseph Marler in his lifetime talk about volunteering in the service on the Tyger River in South Carolina previous to the battle of the Cowpens being at the battle of the Cowpens and at the battle of Guilford; that he has heard the veteran and a Mr. Satterfield, also a revolutionary war soldier, discuss their shared experiences during the war. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 11: On June 24, 1852 in Washington County Missouri, Stephen Marler (relationship, if any, not stated) also gave a supporting affidavit saying he had known Joseph Marler, the husband of the applicant, about 30 years prior to his death and had heard him speak of his services in the revolution with Luke Thornton and Daniel Adams and various others; that he was in the battle of Guilford and the battle of the Cowpens. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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State of Missouri County of Madison

On this 16th day of November in the year of our Lord 1852 personally appeared before me Fines E. Sharp a Justice of the peace within and for the said County of Madison in the State of Missouri Robert St. Clair [sic, Robert Sinclair]¹ of lawful age who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was born in Guilford County North Carolina on the 9th Day of September in the year 1750. That he is now a little over 102 years of age. That he was engaged in the war of the American revolution about 5 years but the service performed in a desultory manner sometimes at home sometimes in service sometimes a 3 months tour sometimes 2 months Tour as emergencies required that the whole of the actual service performed by him was more than half of the time of 5 years that he was frequently spying and reconnoitering against the British and Indians when not called into actual Service. That he remembers of having marched to the Battle of Kings Mountain under the command of one Captain Edmondson² who had resided on the Holston [River] in Virginia and that said Edmondson was killed in said Battle, he thinks this battle was fought sometime in the fall of the year 1780 or one thousand seven hundred and eighty. That he was acquainted with Joseph Marler who was in the battle of Kings Mountain and as well as he recollects commanded by one Joshua Nichols of North Carolina militia. That he was afterwards under the command of another Captain whose name is not now recollected that he was acquainted with a family residing on Tyger River in South Carolina in 1780 by the name of Marler -- that in the summer of 1781 or thereabouts one Joseph Marler married one Sarah French on Tyger River by a Justice of the

¹ [Robert Sinclair S17678](#)

² Lieutenant Captain Andrew Edmondson (Edmiston) and Captain William Edmondson (Edmiston) were both killed at Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780.

peace and shortly afterwards he set out to the battle of the Cowpens and afterwards he stated to him that he had been in the battle of Guilford and that he had been in service more than 2 years and deponent further states that he does not recollect all the battles that the said Marler said he was in but from various circumstances this deponent believes that the said Marler was in service more than 2 years he being frequently in arms throughout the war of the revolution that deponent was well acquainted with a family on Tyger River by the name of French. That he saw Sarah French and Joseph Marler married as herein stated that the Marler and French Families were Whigs and friends of the American Revolution many of the French Family were in service and so was the aforesaid J. Marler. Deponent further states that in 1780 in 1781 the laws of South Carolina permitted persons to be married by a Justice of the peace as well as deponent now recollects. This deponent further states that he believes that Sarah Marler is yet living and that she is the Identical widow of Joseph Marler deceased and that she resides in the County of Washington in this State. That it was generally believed after the American Revolution that the said Marler had been a Soldier of the revolution and that he fought in the battles herein mentioned he often saw said Marler in Greenville in South Carolina after the Termination of the American Revolution who often in the presence of others who had been in the War stated his various services therein. That this deponent at different times during the war saw said Marler in service he thinks between 1779 and 1781 but that the said Marler generally stated his services to have commenced in the year 1778, This deponent further states that the said Marler did not serve in any Company with deponent in said war of the revolution -- but was in different other companies the name of none of the captains are known to deponent except the one herein mentioned. That the said Marler as well as this deponent recollects was acquainted at the battle of Kings Mountain with Colonel William Campbell and Colonel John Sevier and also at the same battle of Kings Mountain with Captain Edmondson and Lieutenant Rees Bowin [Reece Bowen] who were both killed in said battle -- This deponent further states that he has not seen this said Marler since he this deponent came to Missouri about 40 years ago that he believes the said Joseph Marler the reputed husband of Sarah Marler of Washington County Missouri to be the Identical man who served as deponent has herein stated in his much as deponent knew you no other of that name in the war of the revolution. That he is Joseph Marler. This deponent states that he is a disinterested witness in the matter of the pension claimed by Sarah Marler of Washington County Missouri and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Robert Sinclair, X his mark

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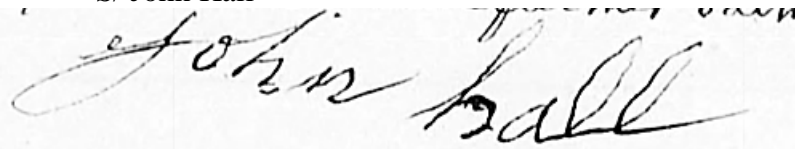
State of Missouri County of Madison

On this 19th day of December 1855 personally appeared before me Theodore P. Russell a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid John Hall³ of lawful age who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was born in the County of Perquimans in the State of North Carolina on the 12th day of September 1760. That he was a Soldier in the American Revolution having served as a militia volunteer under Captain Newby of the County of Perquimans on the State of North Carolina that he was mustered into service at the Town of Hertford in the said County of Perquimans sometime in the latter part of the month of February 1781 hearing of the Lord Cornwallis marching to the upper country the company to which deponent belonged and several other companies took up the line of march in order to reinforce General Greene in the direction to Guilford Court House and that sometime in the

³ [John Hall R22017](#)

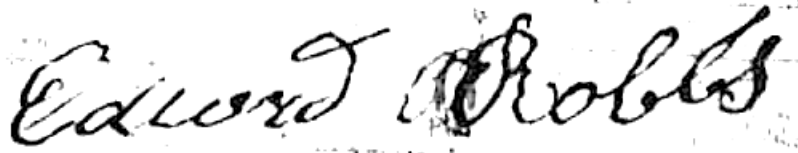
month of March 1781 the company to which he belonged fell into General Greene's alignment at or near old Guilford Court House where he took his position waiting the arrival of British troops. That the Battle came on and this deponent and the company to which he belonged was formed on the right of the Virginia soldiers commanded by Colonel Campbell near a wood land. That General Greene was forced to order a retreat which was done and the forces of General Greene fell back upon an Iron works several miles from the Battle Ground he was then afterwards engaged under the command of General Greene harassing the rear of Cornwallis whilst he was marching towards Virginia. This deponent further states that while on his march to the battle of Guilford there came to the company to which he belonged a man by the name of Joseph Marler and several others requesting him to be admitted to joined the company to which this deponent belonged and that they were admitted and that said Marler was in the battle at Guilford and continued in company with this deponent and others after Cornwallis began to march towards Virginia. That this deponent and the company to which he belonged did not pursue his Lordship into Virginia but was detached and ordered to reconnoiter through the different parts of the State in several of the lower Counties in the State of North Carolina watching the movements of the Tories and to check them in their depredations. The Tories being very numerous in many places all which time the said Joseph Marler served in said Company. The said Marler came up with said company about 5 or 6 days before the Battle of Guilford and continued in said company in actual service until the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown Virginia which happened sometime in October 1781. Having heard of the surrender of the British Army at Yorktown said company to which deponent and Marler the long was discharged at Hertford in the State of North Carolina. That Marler continued in said company from about 5 or 6 days before the battle of Guilford until the latter part of October 1781 as well as this deponent now recollects making little upwards of 6 months. That sometime in the year 1833 he again became acquainted with Joseph Marler living in Washington County in the State of Missouri and knew him to be the identical man who served with deponent as herein stated. Marler stated to him deponent after the Battle of Guilford that he had been in the battle of the Cowpens of this deponent does not know he this deponent was not there he also stated to deponent that he had been at the Battle of King's Mountain under the command of one Captain Nichols of this deponent is ignorant he this deponent having not been there but thinks probably that he Marler might have been there he considered Marler in his lifetime a man of truth and veracity. He further states that Joseph Marler and Sarah Marler in the lifetime of the said Joseph in Washington County Missouri lived and resided together as Husband and wife and were so generally known respected and received such in the neighborhood where they resided: that he believes from the statement made by Joseph Marler and others that he Joseph was married to the said Sarah near the line of North and South Carolina some time towards the end of the American Revolution and that he believes about that time magistrate in North Carolina performed the ceremony of marriage. He further states that he is altogether disinterested in the matter of the claim of Sarah Marler widow of the said Joseph for a pension and further saith not.

S/ John Hall

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hall". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The first name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, and "Hall" is written in a smaller, more compact hand to its right.

On this Seventeenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1852 Personally Appeared before me Theodore P Russell a Justice of the Peace within and for said County of Madison and State of Missouri Edward Robbs of lawful age who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that sometime after the Revolutionary War had closed one Joseph Marler came to his father's house in Spartanburg District in the State of South Carolina and near Tiger River and there detailed in conversation with deponent's father his revolutionary services and it appeared by the conversation between deponent's father and said Marler that he the said Marler had served through the most of said War in which deponent's father agreed with said Marler in his detail of the events and was his services in said War deponent's father had been through a part of the War and served about three years as he stated and as Marler stated in the presence of each other and from the conversation of the 2 soldiers this deponent understood that they had served together the name of Deponent's father was William Robbs about the time of the Conversation herein alluded to and mentioned deponent was about 16 years of age and that he is now 66 years of age. This deponent further states that the said Marler in the State of South Carolina that is in Spartanburg District was reputed and known to have been a soldier of the revolution by the neighborhood at large and by soldiers who had served with him in said war. That this was so generally believed that it was handed down from father to son and still believed by old neighbors in Spartanburg district in South Carolina. This deponent further states that he is a disinterested witness in the matter of the claim of Sarah Marler for a pension in right of her husband and further this deponent sayeth not.

S/ Edwrd. Robbs

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Robbs". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes. The signature is centered below the typed name.