

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Sailors R9143

Mary Ann

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: To wit

On this sixth day of March 1839 personally appeared before the Circuit Court of said Rutherford County, in open Court, Mary Ann Sailors aged ninety-one years a resident of Rutherford County Tennessee, 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 act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836: That she is the widow of Philip Sailors who was a private in the Revolutionary war. He served nine tours as a volunteer in the militia, except for a time during the latter part of the war, when he enlisted as a regular soldier in General Greene's Army – The first tour he marched from Lincoln County North Carolina to Charleston, he was out some months, this declarant believes nine months. Frank McCorde [sic, could be McCorcle, McCorcke?] was his Captain, Thompson perhaps was his Major. This declarant does not remember the names of all his officers. She thinks in the next tour he marched to Savannah and was in the battle there. He was commanded in this tour perhaps by Captain John Work. In one of his tours he was at the battle of Kings Mountain. Captain Daniel McKissick was his Captain in this battle. He marched in another tour to the South fork of Catawba [River], and was in the battle of Beaty's ford [sic, Beatties Ford]: his Captain in this battle was John Work, his Major not remembered, Colonel Davidson was the commander of his Regiment and was killed there.¹ He was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs under Captain Frank McCorde, Major Martin and General Greene. He was taken prisoner at Beatties Ford; and kept in prison until the next day when he & some others broke down the doors and made their escape. In February 1781 he joined the regular Army for during the war and served till October 1781 – this declarant married the said Philip in 1764, and had three children before her husband went into service. He came home to see declarant sometimes at the end of three months, & sometimes not so often. He was out in this service during the whole war; except that short intervals. This declarant cannot remember the exact tours he served, viz., where he marched and in what tours certain battles were fought. Nor can she remember the names of all his officers – when he went into the service as a regular soldier – Captain McCorde was his Captain; He was all the time, as a regular in Greene's Army. This declarant has no documents by which he can show her husband's services, or marriage. She

¹ General William Lee Davidson died February 1, 1781, at the battle at Cowans Ford on the Catawba River.

further declares that she was married to the said Philip Sailors on the ___ day of September 1764 that her husband the aforesaid Philip Sailors died on the 4th day of July 1818; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed.

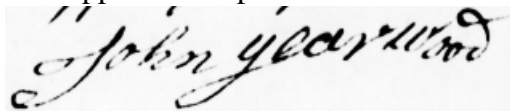
S/ Mary Ann Sailors, X her mark

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court the date above written. Honorable James Rucks presiding. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at office in Murfreesboro, this 6th day of March A.D. 1839

S/ Saml. H. Hodge, Clerk

State of Tennessee Rutherford County

Before me R. H. Mason, a justice of the peace for said County of Rutherford this day personally appeared John Yearwood² aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn deposed and saith that he became acquainted with Philip Sailors and his wife Mary Ann Sailors in the year 1775. They had then three children and lived in Lincoln County North Carolina. This deponent knew him from that time through the war. He was a faithful Whig was mostly in the service, & when he was at home he had to lay out for fear of the Tories. The first tour he served to deponent's knowledge was the one in which the battle of Savannah was fought. He served another tour shortly afterwards in which he was at the battle at Beatties Ford, and continued in service till the battle at Eutaw Springs, which battle he was in. This deponent was also in this last battle, and saw Sailor there. This deponent was with said Philip Sailors in the regular service from the first of 1781 until October of the same year. He had been in service several years as a militia man before deponent enlisted. This deponent did not see them married. When he first knew them in 1775 they lived together as husband & wife – during the war his wife had 2 children increasing the family to 5 children. Deponent does not know how many children they have had but thinks about 8. Philip Sailors died in Rutherford County Tennessee about 20 years since. Deponent knows his widow who is now very old and has never married since her husband's death. The family was quite respectable and deponent never heard anything else from that they were lawfully married. Deponent never applied for a pension for his services.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Yearwood". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

² [John Yearwood R11933](#)