

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John J. Sibley S30706

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4th great grandson

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State of Mississippi - Amite County

On this the 10th day of December, 1832 - personally appeared in open court before the judges of the county and probate court, now filing (sic, filling), John Sibley, a resident of the settlement of Tickfaw, in the county of Amite and state of Mississippi, aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to the law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832 - That he entered the service of the United States in the last of 1778 or the first of the year 1779, the precise time not recollected. That he enlisted for the period of eighteen months at Granby, South Carolina, under Capt. Uriah Goodwin (sic, Goadin), from whom he received a furlough to go home and arrange his business - That he returned and joined the army at Purrysburg (sic, Puresburg), South Carolina and was attached to the Third Regiment under the following named officers: Gen Lincoln (sic, Linkhorn), Col William Thomson (sic, Tompson), Lieut Col Mason, Major Wise, Capt Joseph Warley<sup>1</sup> (sic, Worley), Lieut John Goodwin (sic, Goadin), Adjutant McGuire (sic, Maguire)<sup>2</sup> - from Purrysburg (sic, Puresburg) we marched to Black Swamp\*, remained there a few days with Gen Moultrie (sic, Moatreys) and moved on up the Savannah River, turned about and went in pursuit of the British Army, that we learned was in chase of Gen Moultrie (sic, Moatrey), who had left us at Black Swamp for Charlestown - We pursued the British Army to Stono (sic, Stana) where we had an engagement - after which we went to Headquarters at a place called Sheldon Bull, South Carolina - remained there until sometime in the fall. Here Lieut Col. Mason left the Regt. and was succeeded (sic, succeeded) by Lieut Col. Henderson when we marched to Savannah in the State of Georgia - Here we had another engagement. After a siege of several weeks I was in the engagement under Capt. Warley (sic, Worley) and a French General whose name I cannot recollect, after which we returned to headquarters at Sheldon Bull - remained there until the close of the winter and then moved to Charlestown - At the surrender of Charlestown which I think was some (torn) in May, 1780 I was taken prisoner by the British - kept there 4 or 5 months and then sent board the prison ship Esk, from thence on board the Lucretia and after some months was out on board the *King George*. I remained a prisoner to the best of my recollections 14 months - From the time I was surrendered at Charlestown. The surrender was made some time in May 1780 and the time for which I enlisted would have expired in June or July. Thereafter to the best of my recollection from the *King George* I was put on board a brig carried round to Jamestown in Virginia and there exchanged, the precise time I cannot state though it was in the latter part of summer 1781 - Capt Uriah Goodwin (sic, Goadin), the man who enlisted me, was present when I was set at liberty - He give me a certificate stating the length of time that I had been in service the term of 18 months having expired while a prisoner, from Jamestown I proceeded on to Williamsburg, from thence New Castle and on to Richmond where Capt. Warley gave me an order to draw provisions and I proceeded (sic, proceded) on to my home in Fairfield District, South Carolina which I reached a few days before the battle of Eutaw Springs.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever, to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any state -

1 Where and in what year were you born

Born in Virginia in the year 1758

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<sup>1</sup> Joseph Warley (Wharley) BLWt2449-300

<sup>2</sup> This is PROBABLY Merry McGuire R22752

2 Have you any record of your age

I have my age written (sic, wrote) in a book (sic, Book) at home and it was transcribed from a book (sic, Book) where it was wrote by my father

3 Where were you living when called into service

I was living in South Carolina Fairfield District - I remained there until 1811, when I removed to my present place of residence, Amite County State of Mississippi

4 How were you called into service

I enlisted as a substitute in the 18 months service for a man of the name Willaba Harris

5 State the name of some of the Regular Officers

Capt. Buckhannan, Capt Tores, Capt. Felix Warley (sic, Worley) & Capt. Towles (sic, Tolis), all of the 3 Regiment

6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service

At the time I was exchanged at Jamestown Capt Uriah Goodwin (sic, Goading) the officer who enlisted me, gave (sic, give) me a certificate, and after I got home the Capt under whom I served, gave (sic, give) me another and the letter which was given me by Capt Worley enabled me to draw pay for the whole time I was a prisoner as well as the time that I was service with the Army and some years afterwards Col Tompson gave (sic, give) me an order for a land warrant, in consideration of my services as a soldier, which was (unreadable word) on land in Fairfield District, South Carolina for which I received a patent. I do not know what became of my certificate for I thought them worth nothing after I drew my pay.

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity (sic, varacity) and your services as a soldier of the revolution

I do not know of any that, I can positively say, knows of my services in the Revolution. I will name the following who can testify as to my character for truth and veracity (sic, varacity) - Thomas Batchelor, David Lea, Mark Beatris, Thomas Gorden, Z Lea, Howell (sic, Howel) Wall and John Wall, one of the members of the court.

The said John Sibley further states that after the Battle of Stona, Capt Joseph Warley appointed him First Sergeant in the Company to which he belonged, and that he continued to act as such up to the time he was made a prisoner.

Sworn to in open court this the 10th day of December, 18 32 -

W. Baker	John Sibley
(signed)	(signed)
C & P CAC	

[John Wall and Howell Wall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: the following was added by Will Graves]

State of Mississippi Amite County: Personally came Lawrence Miller<sup>3</sup> before the undersigned one of the associate justices of Amite County and after being sworn saith that he knew John Sibley the

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<sup>3</sup> Will Graves could not find any indication in the federal pension records that this veteran filed for his on the pension for services

man present, during the revolutionary war. That he served in the capacity of a Sergeant in the 3rd Regiment South Carolina troops in the 18-months service.

Deponent states that he saw the said John Sibley and was with him at the Siege of Savannah in the State of Georgia that he then & there wore a Sergeant's uniform and belonged to the 3rd Regiment.

He was in the 3rd Regiment from the time of the Battle of Stono in South Carolina until the Siege of Savannah. After the Siege I saw him no more until I saw him in the State of Mississippi 5 or 6 years ago I recognized him on first sight & knew him to be the same man.

Deponent further states, that it was rumored through the Army, & generally believed, after the Surrender of Charlestown, that he the said Sibley was taken prisoner at the time of the Surrender But he cannot state this fact of his own knowledge. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 15th day of December 1832.

S/ John Wall, Associate Justice C. & P.C. A. C.

S/ Lawrence Miller, X his mark

State of Mississippi Amite County: Personally came Samuel M. Cotten<sup>4</sup> before the undersigned Associate Justice of the County & Probate Court of Amite County and after being sworn saith

That he knew John Sibley the man now present in the Revolutionary war. That he was with him at the Battle of Stono in the State of South Carolina. From that time the said John Sibley served as a Sergeant in the 3rd Regiment South Carolina troops 18-months service in the Company of Captain Warley until the Surrender of Charlestown, when we were both taken prisoners. I was also with him at the Siege of Savannah in the State of Georgia.

How long he remained a prisoner I cannot tell as I knew nothing more of him until I saw him in the State of Mississippi, Amite County where he now resides -- Sworn to and subscribed before made this 15th day of December 1832 --

S/ John Wall, Associate

S/ S. M. Cotten

Justice County & Probate Court

Amite County

(\* Transcriber's note: Black Swamp was on the Savannah River between Hutson's Ferry and Ebenezer.)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service as a Sergeant in the revolution.]

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