

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Marion S4180

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Session 1834

On this ___ day of May personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting Samuel Marion a resident of the Lee County & State of Virginia aged ___ 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 provisions of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Captain Morris and served in the 7th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named Officer, This Applicant states that he was born in Goochland County in the State of Virginia on the ___ day of January in the year 1750, the day of the month he cannot state not having any record of his age, but he recollects the month & the year & is as he has stated, that there is a record of his age in a prayer Book & one of his sisters had it, This Applicant further states that he was living in Goochland County Virginia, when he entered the service of the United States as an enlisted Soldier, under Captain Nathaniel More that he enlisted for 2 years & 6 months & served out the time as herein after stated. He Company to which this applicant belonged rendezvoused at Goochland Courthouse & was marched from thence, by their Captain, to Morbin Hills [Malvern Hills]; at which place there Company joined Captain Lightfoot's Company and also some militia Companies, that they remained at this place about 2 weeks as well as he can now remember & from there they were marched to Williamsburg where they joined the 7th Regiment, as well as he now recollects, under the Command of Colonel George Mason [paper damaged, text missing] Little York & General Nelson, the Lieutenant was Walter Johnson, Captain Porter commanded another Company at this place. The forces remained at Williamsburg about six weeks as well as he remembers, and were then ordered to Little York, at which place they arrived & joined other Regular forces stationed there, of these forces General Nelson also had the Command, at this station they remained about six weeks during which time frequently they could see the British Vessels at anchor in the Bay, and as soon as the British vessels left the Bay, the forces or a greater part of them, stationed at Little York, were ordered on to Hampton, to which place they supposed the British had gone, that they arrived at Hampton, where they again saw the British vessels at anchor & at this place they joined other forces under the command of General Muhlenberg, where they remained at Hampton till the British vessels left the Bay, they were then marched from Hampton by General Muhlenberg, through Little York across before River & on to Gloucester Courthouse at this place they were stationed about three months & were from thence marched to Guinns Island [Gwynn's Island] at which place they arrived & commenced entrenching during which time they were continually annoyed by the cannonade from the British vessels anchored in the Bay, here they continued their operations in entrenchment till the British vessels hoisted their flags & left the Bay, that the object of the American forces being to watch

the movements of the British & prevent their taking the possession of any point, they did not long remain after the British departed, but took up the line of march to head them at some other point, at Gwynn's Island, Colonel Taylor & General Were [?] commanded . This Applicant further states that from Gwynn's Island, they were marched through Dumfries on to Philadelphia, where they joined the Grand Army composed of the Americans & French under the command of General Washington & Lafayette, at Philadelphia the whole Army remained but a short time, when they received the intelligence that General Burgoyne [John Burgoyne] with the British forces had taken his march through the Country a part of the American Army was then ordered to take up the line of march, under the command of Generals Gates [Horatio Gates] & Arnold [Benedict Arnold] & Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan], that the company to which this Applicant belonged was a part of said Detachment. This Applicant further states that the American Army under General Gates & the British forces under Burgoyne were marching & counter marching for some time till Burgoyne crossed the Hudson River, and Gates Army being on the same side the two armies met not far from Still Water and had an engagement which lasted some time & proved very destructive on both sides, that the night coming put an end to the battle, that they were then marched in pursuit of Burgoyne to Saratoga, where the whole of the British Army under Burgoyne consisting of British & Hessians surrendered prisoners of war amounting in all to about six thousand, that they also got at this victory a great many pieces of Artillery & muskets, in this engagement General Arnold was wounded, from Saratoga Colonel Taylor was ordered out with several companies, belonging to one of which, was this Applicant to take the prisoners on to Albemarle Barracks that they proceeded with them to Albemarle where they guarded them about three months, that from Albemarle the Company to which this Applicant belonged, leaving enough to guard the prisoners, were marched to Ground Squirrel Bridge upon Pamunkey River, at this place they joined other forces commanded by Lafayette & Wayne [Anthony Wayne], while stationed at this place he obtained a furlough to go & see his mother & while on the way was wounded & taken prisoner by a company of British light horse who happened to be ranging the Country: that he was taken to the British Army under the command of Cornwallis & Tarleton, that he was ordered under a guard and one night while the guard slipped he made his escape & head to hide & be about 45 days during which time he ate nothing but Sorrel & at last reached the American Army nearly exhausted, after which he remained a short time & his Term of service for which he enlisted being 2 years & 6 months, expired, & he was discharged by General Wayne who signed his discharge. This Applicant further states that on the next morning after he received his discharge, he again enlisted in the service for 2 years & 6 months more under Captain Coleman Rice, after this they did not remain long at Ground Squirrel Bridge, but were marched from thence to Bottoms bridge here they remained a short time & were then marched to James town at which place the British were then stationed, that their intention was to make an attack on the British in Jamestown, but they received information from some Tories of the intention of the Americans & abandoned the place, escaping the [paper damaged, text missing] Petersburg to which place the Americans also repaired, near Petersburg the American Army remained as long as the British did, during which time they kept up a continual cannonade. This Applicant further states that from Petersburg the British retreated to Pigeon Hill – they followed & succeeded in driving them from Pigeon Hill into Little York at which place they remained till they were compelled to surrender to the combined forces of American & French under Washington & Lafayette. This Applicant states that he remained at York during the whole of the siege until Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781], after which he proceeded to the Federal City with the prisoners, where he was discharged

by General Washington who signed his discharge & this Applicant returned home. This Applicant further states that he had both of his discharges burnt when his house was burnt some years ago that up to that time he had taken great care of them. This Applicant further states that he never received a commission. This Applicant further states that there is no clergyman living in his immediate neighborhood. This Applicant further states that since the revolutionary War he has lived in Virginia & Tennessee & that he now lives in Lee County Virginia and the reason he applied for his pension in Tennessee Hawkins County is that he lives near the line & that he had formerly lived in Tennessee & that he could not have that attention to his business in Lee County which he wished. This Applicant further states that he is now frail from old age & has lost his recollection of those times but he has as well as he can stated the circumstances of his different enlistments & he is certain & can swear positively to the length of time he served which is not less than above stated making in all 5 years. This Applicant further states that he has made the best proof of his services that he can which appears in the Depositions of William Stapleton now a pensioner & John Inland also a pensioner hereto annexed marked Nos. 1 & 2. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State [paper damaged text compromised and illegible] State of Virginia.

S/ Samuel Marion, X his mark

No. 1

State of Tennessee Hawkins County This Day personally appeared John Inland¹ and William Stapleton before me William Babb an acting Justice of the peace in and for Hawkins County and after being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith The first witness John Inland aged 76 deposeth and saith that he was knowing to Samuel Merrien assisting in the revolutionary service under Captain Nathaniel Morris in Goshland [? Goochland?] County Virginia for 2 years and a half in the 7th Regiment under Colonel John Mason this Deponent saith that he was under the command of Colonel Mason he thinks about 6 months and then he was separated for 12 months and then got together again at ground Squirrel Bridge in Hanover County and then he was marched to Bottoms Bridge and from thence to James Town and I'll officers was changed from Colonel Mason to Colonel Nathaniel Dandridge and he remained our Colonel for 5 or 6 months and was marched from thence to Pigeon Hills and from thence to the Maubin Hills [Malvern Hills] and from thence to the Shirley hundred from thence back to the Pigeon Hills and from thence to Little York and thence the siege begun and they remained together during all the siege at Little York and this Deponent sayeth he well knowed that Samuel Marron was a enlisted soldier for 5 years in the old revolutionary war and this Deponent further saith not. Sworn to and subscribed his name this 12 day of May 1834

S/ John Inland, X his mark

No. 2

the second witness William Stapleton² aged in the 77th year Deposeth and saith that he first got acquainted with Samuel Merrien at Little York in the year of 1776 in the 7th Regiment under Colonel Taylor and he had good reason to believe that the said Samuel Merrien was a enlisted soldier and it was told him that he was a listed soldier and he acted as such and worst soldiers [indecipherable word] and we was marched from thence to Gloucester Court House and from there to Guins Island and this Deponent saith that he believes that the was in the service together

¹ I could not identify this veteran as a pensioner of the US under this or any similar name I could think of

² [William Stapleton R10064](#)

a Bout 9 months and this Deponent further saith not.

S/ William Stapleton, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed his name this 12th day of May 1834 before me

S/ William Babb, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]