

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Marlar S9400

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State of North Carolina Caswell County: SS

On this the 8th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court (the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid, being a court of Record) now sitting John Marlar a resident of said County & State, aged 73 or 74 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832,

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- On the 10th of February 1778 or 1779 he enlisted for the term of three years in the County of Halifax State of North Carolina under Capt. Tolly Powell [William Ptolemy Powell, nickname "Tolly"] Capt. of the State guard, -- Col. Nicholas Long of Halifax Thomas Ferrell Lieut., Abram Smith first Sgt. and Benjamin Carpenter orderly Sgt.. This declarant from the time of his enlistment for two years and upwards (viz.) until the 4th of May after the termination of two years was stationed in the Town of Halifax to guard the magazine in that place and also one on the Northampton side of the River at Barrat's Ordinary. On the said 4th of May his Capt., Tolly Powell was taken prisoner and this declarant was then placed under Capt. Joseph Kidd by the order of Col. Long and was employed in guarding prisoners at Halifax Jail -- for some time -- but how long he does not remember -- he was then placed under the command of Col. William Linton and was marched to several places in the neighborhood -- the object being for the most part to keep the Tories in check. They were marched to Taylor's Ferry upon the Roanoke [River]. Thence to Williamsboro -- thence towards Halifax, with a design of returning to that place, but upon arriving in the vicinity of that town, they received intelligence that the smallpox was raging there, and turned their course to Henry's New House in Halifax County -- thence to Tarborough -- thence to Town Creek and thence to Halifax again, where this declarant remained under the command of Capt. Kidd until his term of three years had expired -- and received a discharge in writing from Capt. Kidd, countersigned by Col. Nicholas Long -- which he has since lost -- declarant was born [in] the County of Halifax and lived there until his removal to this County, about seventeen years ago. He thinks he is now between 73 and 74 years of age, but he is not certain as to the family Bible in which is age was recorded has passed out of his family. He knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services except Matthew Mabry¹ and James Carter² whose affidavits accompany this declaration -- that he is well acquainted with William H. Price & H A Burton of this County who can prove his good

¹ [Matthew Mabry S7174](#)

² [James Carter S8146](#)

character and the general report of his services &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension of [sic] roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Paul A. Haralson, Clerk

S/ John Marlar, X his mark

[William W. Price & H A Burton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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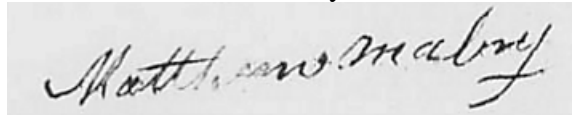
State of North Carolina Halifax County

Matthew Mabry a man of credibility aged at least 76 years came before me and being duly sworn according to law deposes & says Mr. John Marlar enlisted in the County of Halifax in the revolutionary War under Tolly Powell for 3 years. Mr. Powell commanded these State Guard and that Mr. Marlar marched from Halifax NC to Taylor's ferry in Virginia and remained there a few days and marched from thence to Williamsboro & remained there a few weeks & marched from thence to Henry's New House near the Town of Halifax from thence to Tarborough and from thence to Town Creek and also says that Mr. Marlar served his term of 3 years & was then discharged; furthermore he saith not.

Sworn and subscribed before me the 10th day of July 1833

S/ R. J. Hawkins, JP

S/ Matthew Mabry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Mabry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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State of North Carolina Orange County to wit

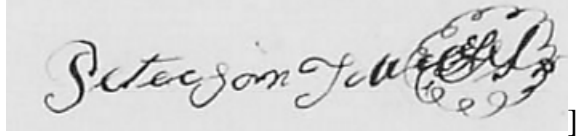
Be it remembered that James Carter a resident of the aforesaid County of Orange personally appeared before me James Mebane an acting Capt. justice of the Peace in and for the said County & State, and made oath -- that he knew John Marlar now a resident of the County of Caswell in this State during the revolutionary war, that he & this affiant both enlisted under Capt. Tolley Powell in the Town of Halifax North Carolina (during the war) the precise year not recollected, for the Term of 3 years in a Guard kept at Halifax to guard the public stores in that place -- that he said John Marlar with the company remained at Halifax until that place was visited by the British under Lord Cornwallis -- at this time there was a skirmish & the aforesaid Capt. Powell was taken prisoner -- and Joel Kidd took command of the company -- The company was then marched to Taylor's ferry in Virginia, thence to Williamsboro NC -- thence to Henry's new house -- Here this affiant was taken with the smallpox, & left the company. This affiant knows that the said John Marlar was in service until he left the company as aforesaid, & learned afterwards that he had gone with the company to Tarborough & Town Creek & returned again to Halifax, where this affiant read joined the company and knows that the said John Marlar served out the period of his enlistment, and was honorably discharged.

Sworn to & subscribed this 27th day of August 1833.

S/ James Carter, X his mark

S/ James Mebane, JP

[p 7: On February 17, 1853 in Jackson County Georgia, Peterson T. Marler, 52, filed a claim stating that he is the son of John Marler, a revolutionary pensioner, and appointing John T. Neely of Washington DC as his attorney to pursue his claim for any pension due his father.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peterson T. Marler". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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