

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Christian Belser W21651

Mary or Maria

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston on this 4th day of January 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned Mrs. Mary Belser aged 78 years a resident of the City of Charleston, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to be entitled to the benefit of the 8th section of the Act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836, That she is the widow of Mister Christian Belser deceased late of the said City who was a volunteer soldier during the War of the Revolution, and served in same under arms two years in the following manner, to wit, in the year 1776 she has reason to believe he was a member of the German Fusilier Company and continued to serve in same until the surrender of the City of Charleston in May 1780. Deponent saith she has reason to believe he served at the assault upon Savannah 1779, at the siege of Charleston and at other places not now recollected by her. Deponent saith that she has reason to believe he was 4th Sergeant of the German Fusiliers at said Battle of Savannah, and served in that capacity for twelve months & more, thereafter, Deponent saith she knows not of any man now living who was a member of the Fusiliers at the time of her said husband's service, but the authentic records of the Corps there is evidence of his services. She further declares that she was married to the said Christian Belser on the 27th January 1778, and that her said husband died on the 3rd April 1812, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period. Deponent further declares that she is in feeble health, is not able to attend a Court and has been confined to her house for ten years, as will more fully appear by reference to the proofs annexed and that she is now confined to her bed.

Sworn to and duly subscribed before me the day and year above written & I also certify the credibility of the affiant,... & that the affiant is confined to her bed.

Mary Belser  
for my Mother  
S/ H. Belser

S/ P. Cantwell, Notary Public, QU for Charleston District South Carolina

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston: On this 5 day of February 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned David Holbeck [?] Esquire attorney at law aged \_\_\_ years, a resident of the City of Charleston Secretary of the German Fusilier Company & Society and

keeper of the records, who being duly sworn according to law, Depose, and upon examination of said records Deponent finds that Christian Belser became a member of the German Fusilier Society on the 20 July 1775, and that he performed duty as one of the Corps throughout the War of the Revolution, That, he is noted in the Books as having been on duty at all times when the Company were stationed at different points to guard the City. He further appears by the orderly book of said Company that said Mr. Christian Belser was one of the Corps who went to Beaufort in January 1779. Deponent saith that he has not the list of the company when said company went to Savannah in the fall of said year 1779; the list on the portrait of Colonel Sass [Jacob Sass] in the Hall of the Society, Deponent never examined with that attention, which would enable him to speak of its contents, Deponent further saith that he has always heard of Mrs. Mary Belser, the widow of said Christian Belser as a respectable old lady, & now in feeble health.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and sand year above written & I also certify the credibility of the affiant  
S/ P. Cantwell, etc. S/ Danl Horlbeck [?] Secretary etc.

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston: On this 4th day of February 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned George B. Eckerd [?] Esquire attorney at law, and formerly Captain of the Company of "German Fusiliers of Charleston" aged 44 years a resident of the City of Charleston, who being duly sworn Depose, that he has examined a painting in the Hall of the said "Fusiliers" & of their society, that, said painting this commemorative of the respect of the Society for Colonel Sass formerly of the German Fusiliers and of his companions in arms of said Corps, who were present at the assault upon Savannah in the year 1779 and that, the name of "4th Sergeant Christian Belser" is recorded thereon, and that said record of names is held to be authentic -- Deponent saith that, the widow of said Christian Belser, namely Mrs. Mary Belser of this City is looked upon could be a respectable old lady in feeble health.

S/ [illegible]

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"Christian Belser and Maria Miller were married on the 27th of January 1778"  
we certify the above to be a true extract from the Records of the Lutheran Church of German Protestants.

Charleston 21st January 1839

S/ Jno Bachman, Pastor

[Veteran's Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for the 14 months service of her husband as a private in the South Carolina militia.]