

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John F. Radloff W3599

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts County of Bristol

On this first day of November A.D. 1836 personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Probate within and for said County & a court of record Sarah Radloff a resident in Seekonk in said County aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 -- that she is the widow of John F. Radloff who was a Surgeon during the War of the Revolution for more than four years that in the month of December 1777 or about that time the said John was appointed a surgeon to the Frigate *Providence* a vessel of war in the service of the United States under the Command of Commodore Abraham Whipple, but his Commissioned is lost, but the documents hereto annexed signed by said Abraham will show the appointment -- Said Frigate was then lying in Providence River & was bound on a voyage to France. That in the spring of 1778 said Frigate sailed on her destined voyage & fought her way through the British Fleet, which then had the control of Newport Harbor & the waters of Narragansett Bay, proceeded to France where she remained several months & then returned to the United States and arrived in Boston in November of said year, said Frigate been made several other cruises during that, & the following year, when she was ordered to go to the relief of Charleston South Carolina. In the spring of 1780 said Frigate was captured & her said husband was made prisoner & continued a prisoner until the close of the war in 1783, he was never exchanged as she has understood & believes & more especially from the fact that he received his wages until peace. After his capture as aforesaid, in Charleston he came home on a parole of honor, which parole she has often seen but is now lost. That she was married to the said John on the 7th day of December A.D. 1780 & her said husband the said John died on the 13th day of June A.D. 1808 & that she has remained unmarried ever since that wherefore she request that the pension to which her said husband might have had under the Act of June 7th 1832 may be extended to her.

S/ Sarah Radloff

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written --

Before

S/ Oliver Prescott, Judge of the Court of probate for said County of Bristol

Rehoboth Town Clerk office, September 20th 1836

I hereby certify that it appears from the records of this office, that John Frederic Radloff was married to Sarah Medbury on this 7th day of December A.D. 1780, duly examined by me

S/ Cyrus M. Wheaton, Town Clerk

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I John Warner<sup>1</sup> of Warwick in the County of Kent being now 77 years of age own oath to testify & say that I was Quarter Gunner on board the Frigate *Providence* from the time she sailed from Providence in 1778 until said Frigate was captured in May 1780 in Charleston South Carolina Abraham Whipple, Esq. was Commander. And I further testify that I well remember Dr. John F. Radloff who was our Surgeon during all that time, he was with us & active & served in said capacity, more than two years. After the capture of the Frigate he came home on parole.

S/ John Warner

[attested October 4, 1836]

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I John Warner of Coventry formerly Quarter gunner on board the Frigate *Providence* under the Command of Abraham Whipple, do further testify & say as to the services of John F. Radloff & also as to his grade. Said John was our principal Surgeon on board, or first Doctor. He was first and Jacob Stoddard was his mate there was another Doctor who was his yeoman or tender -- his name I have forgotten, as I have before stated we were together a number of years until I capture at Charlestown South Carolina in the spring of 1780.

S/ John Warner

Kent

In Coventry August 1, 1838 personally appeared before me the above named John Warner and made oath to the above affidavit by him signed and I also testify said John is a credible witness.

S/ Asahel Johnson, JP

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I George Field of Cranston in the County of Providence State of Rhode Island being now 67 years of age & upwards own oath do depose & say that I was well acquainted with Doctor Radloff from the time he entered on board the Frigate *Providence* as Surgeon until his death -- While said Frigate was lying in Providence River opposite the Fields Point shore where she lay about eighteen months before she sailed for France he used to visit our house which was near the shore & was then the Surgeon as I understood & believed. Said Frigate was then commanded by Abraham Whipple Esquire who after the war removed to the State of Ohio. According to my best recollection said Frigate sailed for France in the spring of 1778 & fought her way through the British fleet then lying in Newport Harbor, said Radloff sailed in her as Surgeon & he continued to serve in said capacity on board of her not only during that voyage but others & until that Frigate was taken at the siege of Charleston towards the close of the War -- as I have always understood & believed. I am also well acquainted with his widow Mrs. Radloff who now resides in Seekonk in the State of Massachusetts & to my knowledge she has always remained unmarried since the decease of her husband. My brother-in-law William Waterman<sup>2</sup> who was a

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S39875

<sup>2</sup> FPA W25893

Lieutenant on board said Frigate at the time of her capture at Charleston came home on parole & never was exchanged as I understood. The above statements are according to my best recollection.

S/ George Field

Providence September 21, 1836

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I George Field of Cranston in the County of Providence and State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations do further testify and say as to the services of John F. Radloff the husband of Sarah Radloff his widow -- as I before testify said John was Surgeon on board the Frigate *Providence* Abraham Whipple Commander, and it was always my impression and I do understand it that he was the principal or first Surgeon on board. My impression is that Jacob Stoddard was Surgeon's mate.

S/ George Field<sup>3</sup>

[attested: July 30, 1838]

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Mr Carpanter [Carpenter] your Nabour [neighbor] Came to Major Olney's neare [near] to whare [where] I live and I now Write you that Jom Wall and Mrs. Whipple [&] I Live on the River of Meskingham [Muskingum?] one Mile from the town in a plast [plush?] place for A new Cuntrey [Country] I want to See you and all my old officers but I never Shall

Give my Complents [compliments] to them all if you Sea [see] them my Live [sic, love?] to your Wife and all Inquiring [inquiring] frinds [friends] pray write me if you have aney [any] opritunty [opportunity] what is Gone Mr Picken and all the Rest of our officars [officers] tell all frinds [friends] that I Live out of the Noise of the World and am hanpey [happy?] I hoe [have] to bed Ealy [early] and Git [get] up Ealy [early] which is Good. Dockter [doctor] for old me Men.

I Conclude your frind [friend] att [?] Comand [Command? or Conrade?]

S/ Abraham Whipple

Doct<sup>r</sup> John F. Redloff [sic]

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Mrandom [memorandum?] If you was not Exchanged by Company of Pisnor [prisoners?] then your wages will Continue from the 11 of July 1780—

To the End of the war.

S/ Abraham Whipple

Providence March 22, 1787

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I Nathaniel Viall of Seekonk in the County of Bristol & State of Massachusetts being now 74 years of age on oath do depose & say that I was formerly well acquainted with Doctor John F. Radloff during the war of the revolution -- did after his return from Charleston in 1780 employed him as position. I remember perfectly well of his being Surgeon on board the Frigate *Providence*

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<sup>3</sup> I couldn't find an application for a veteran by this name who claimed service on board the *Providence*.

under the command of Commodore Abraham Whipple at the time said frigate sailed for France in 1778, he was surgeon on board said Vessel until she was surrendered at the Surrender of Charleston in May 1780. He then came home on parole & was married & continued a prisoner until the close of the war. I heard him say after his marriage that he was a prisoner of war. He never was according to my best recollection exchanged but continued a prisoner until the Peace in 1783. I also know his widow Sarah Radloff -- have been acquainted with her ever since we were children at the same school. She has always remained unmarried since the death of her husband.

S/ Nathaniel Viall

Bristol September 30th, 1836

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$360 per annum for the services of her husband for 2 years as surgeon in the Providence, frigate, commanded by Capt. Whipple.]