

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Raley <sup>1</sup> W5660

Sarah Raley f125SC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Alabama Morgan County: At an Orphan's Court of said County of Morgan being a Court of Record of said County, on the 3rd Monday in August, being the 20th day of said month in the year 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Judge of said Court now sitting Charles Raley a resident of said County and State of the age of sixty-eight years & six months, 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. The field officers were Colonel John Marshall [John Marshel], Major \_\_ Ballard, The Company officers were Captain John Watts, 1st Lieutenant Charles Raley 2nd Lieutenant William Jones, all of which officers were of the South Carolina militia. That he entered the service about two months after Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], and continued in the service until the close of the war being upwards of 2 years. That he resided in the State of South Carolina in Cashaw [Kershaw] County when he entered the service; That he was a volunteer. That he was engaged in one battle at Ratliffe's old field,<sup>3</sup> another battle at Parker's Ferry,<sup>4</sup> Edisto Swamp and the last at Eutaw Springs.<sup>5</sup> That he marched generally through South Carolina. That he does not know the names of any of the officers of the Continental line with whom he served except General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & Colonel Washington [William Washington] & Colonel Lee [Henry [ "Light Horse Harry" ] Lee]. That he served a part of his time under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], but principally under General Marion [Francis Marion]. That General Sumpter commanded at the first battle, and General Marion at the two last. That he has no documentary evidence of his service and received no written discharges. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ M. M. Mackenzie, clerk

S/ Charles Raley

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt31337-160-55

<sup>2</sup> Thanks to Leslie Whitley for calling numerous errors to my attention

<sup>3</sup> This is probably a reference to the engagement at Ratcliff's Bridge on March 6, 1781.

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ratcliffsbr.htm>. [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_radcliffes\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_radcliffes_bridge.html)

<sup>4</sup> August 31, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/parkers.htm> & [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_parkers\\_ferry\\_2.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_parkers_ferry_2.html) . Another site says this engagement occurred on August 13, 1781. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810813.htm>

<sup>5</sup> September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>.  
[http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

*Charles Raley*

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State of Alabama Morgan County: Personally appeared in open Court William Malone,<sup>6</sup> who, resides in the County of Limestone in said State and made oath that he knew the said Charles Raley whose name is signed to the foregoing declaration, that he knows that he served as a volunteer in the South Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War about 18 months, whilst under the command of Generals Sumpter & Marion when he became acquainted with said Raley, he was then in the service and had been before, but how long he knows not.

S/ William Malone, X his mark

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State of Alabama Morgan County: Personally appeared in Open Court Cornelius Mallone<sup>7</sup> who resides in the County aforesaid in said State and made oath, that he knows that Charles Raley who signed the foregoing declaration, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. That he was stationed at Lawrence's Ferry on Santee River in State of South Carolina and said witness relieved said Raley, from said Station and said Raley went on parol [parole] But how long said Raley served said witness saith not.

S/ Cornelius Mellon

*Cornelius Mellon*

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State of Alabama Morgan County} SS

On this 17th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Orphan's Court of said County of Morgan now sitting Charles Raley a resident of said County of Morgan and State of Alabama who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amendment and explanation to and original Declaration made before this Court on the 20th day of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 to wit That he entered the service of the United States the last of September in the year 1780 as a volunteer under the command of the following named officers the field officers were Colonel John Marshall Major Ballard [probably Captain Thomas Ballard of the Kershaw Regiment] the Company officers were Captain John Watts first Lieutenant Charles Raley, a cousin of this applicant 2nd Lieutenant William Jones all of which officers were of the South Carolina Militia that this applicant was a private soldier in said Company which was a company of volunteer mounted Infantry, that at this tour of duty he served 6 months in this tour of duty he joined General Sumpter near Black Mingo Swamp and marched with him up into the North part of South Carolina where the battle previously described at correctly as old field took place at the expiration of this first tour of duty he again entered the service as a private in a mounted Company, commanded by Captain William Nettles and 2nd Lieutenant William Jones and first Lieutenant James Bates and immediately joined other Companies commanded by Major Thomas Thompson it was the last of March that he entered the service in this tour of duty and rendezvoused at Camden in South Carolina and from there we marched under the command of Major Thompson and joined General Marion at Santee swamp below Nelson's Ferry in South Carolina near the last of May about the first of September I was in an engagement at Parkers

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<sup>6</sup> [William Malone S31832](#)

<sup>7</sup> [Cornelius Mellone \(Malone\) S31834](#)

ferry at Edisto Swamp at which Battle General Marion commanded and Colonel Heanie [?]<sup>8</sup> was in command also as a Colonel eight days after this we joined General Greene which was on the night of the 7th of September 1781 at Lawrence's ferry on Santee River ten miles above the Eutaw Springs after marching nearly all night and on the 8th of September he was in the engagement at the Eutaw Springs on the night of the 8th the British left there [their] front aiming for Charleston and this applicant under the command of General Marion and Colonel Lee of the Dragoons pursued them on the 9th September and on that day took 60 British and 10 Tory prisoners and from there we returned to Santee Swamp where we remained until the 15th of September 1781 and Major Thompson then took the prisoners above mentioned to General Greene's Camp at the High Hills of Santee and this Company to which applicant belonged and this applicant marched with said Major and we arrived about the 17th of September 1781 and this applicant was dismissed from service there as was all the rest of the volunteers under the Command of said Major Thompson but we received no discharge at the least no written one. This applicant again entered the service as a mounted volunteer and a private on the first of March 1782 at Georgetown in South Carolina under the same company officers as at the last tour except the Captain who was Captain William Deason and joined General Marion immediately who was then Garrison at Georgetown and remained in the Garrison one month and then marched to Waccamaw on Little Pedee [River] and from there to Britain's neck [sic, Brittons Neck] and from there to Linches Lake [Lynches Lake] and then returned back to Georgetown and took stationed there again and remained in Garrison about one month and about the first of July 1782 he was dismissed from service but received no written discharge and he again joined the Army as a private volunteer in Fort at Orangeburg on Edisto River on the first of January 1783 he was commanded by Captain Douglas Starks first Lieutenant not recollected 2nd Lieutenant William Jones the Garrison at this place was commanded by Major Mee [George Mee] under whose command he remained 3 months and was dismissed on the first of April without having marched from said Garrison to any other place this applicant received no written discharge at no time this applicant will state that he served another Tour of duty at which time he was then Garrison at Lawrence's ferry but from loss of memory he cannot particularly describe the time he entered but he claims only for those particularly described which are the first Tour of 6 months the 2nd of 6 months the 3rd of 4 months and the 4th of 3 months as a private mounted volunteer for all except the last 3 months which he served as a foot soldier. He states that he was born in Onslow County North Carolina on the 11th day of February 1764. That he has a record of his age in a family Bible at the house of this applicant, this applicant will state that he is known in his neighborhood to the Reverend Joseph Lane and John T. Rather and Cornelius Malone and William Malone also resides within 6 miles of this applicant and they all can testify as to the character of this applicant for veracity and of their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution the said Joseph Lane is the nearest clergyman to this applicant.

S/ Charles Raley

[p 82: Joseph Lane, a clergyman, and John T. Rather gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 2: May 25, 1840 in Morgan County Alabama, Sarah Raley, the Widow of Charles Raley, surrendered his pension certificate stating that her husband lived in Morgan County for the space of about 23 years prior to his death; prior thereto he resided in Madison County Alabama and prior thereto in South Carolina. She signed this document with her mark. The clerk of court makes a finding that the veteran died on or about July 19, 1839 in Morgan County Alabama.]

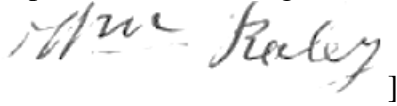
[p 15: On July 15, 1844 in Lawrence County Alabama, Sarah Raley, aged 70 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Charles Raley, a

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<sup>8</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810813.htm> says that Col. William Harden commanded the American troops at Parker's Ferry.

revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Kershaw District South Carolina on or about November 5, 1789; that he died in Morgan County Alabama July 19, 1839; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 116: On January 21, 1845 in Lawrence County Alabama, William Raley gave testimony that he is the son of Charles and Sarah Raley; that he is now 40 years old; that the family record was kept in the handwriting of his father.

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The State of Alabama Morgan County

Personally appeared before me Milton McClanahan an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Cornelius Malone – who being by me first duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, and is a pensioner of the Government; That he is well acquainted with Sarah Raley – the widow of Charles Raley deceased – who is an applicant for a pension as such widow. That he has known her intimately for at least fifty-five years. That he also knew her husband Charles Raley deceased in his lifetime. That he knew him to have served in the war of the Revolution in Captain John Watts Company, the company of Captain Watts was commanded by Colonel Marshall, the number of the Regiment he does not know, He knew him to be a volunteer. After leaving Captain Watts Company he was attached to General Francis Marion’s command, but does not know how long he served under General Marion, but stayed with him until he was discharged – That he was present at the marriage of said Charles Raley and Sarah Raley: that it took place in the County of Cashshaw [sic] State of South Carolina – sometime in the year 1789 – Sometime in the year 1818 the said Charles Raley removed to the County of Madison State of Alabama, from Madison County he removed to the county of Morgan State aforesaid, where he lived until his death. That Sarah Raley is his widow, having intermarried with no other since his death. That the said Charles Raley died in Morgan County State of Alabama on or about the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1839. The [sic, That] he Charles Raley received a pension from Government up to his death. That he lived in the County of Cashshaw and State of South Carolina at the time he entered the Service.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 1846

S/ Milton McClanahan JP

S/ Cornelius Mellone



[p 18: On June 22, 1855 in Morgan County Alabama, Sarah Raley, 82, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Charles Raley stating that she married him in the County of Washington in the State of South Carolina on or about the \_\_ day of \_\_ 1787; that they were married by Charles Evans, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Owen; that her husband died in Morgan County, state of Alabama on or about July 17, 1839 and that she remains his widow.]

[Facts in file: Veteran married Sarah Owen's November 5, 1789; she was allowed a widow's pension on her application dated July 15, 1844 while living in Lawrence County Alabama aged 70 years. She died March 29, 1865.

[p 7: The family record of the veteran and his wife reflect the following

Charles Raley and his wife Sarey was married November the 5<sup>th</sup> the year 1789

James was born October 25, 1790

Maray or Muray was born [illegible] 10, 1792

John Raley was born May 21, 1796

Saray [or Sarah] Raley was born [illegible] 12, 1798

Owen born July 26, [illegible]

William born February \_\_, 1805

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Jhonathan Gipson was born October the 27<sup>th</sup> 1803

Elisebeth Owen was born November 29<sup>th</sup> 18[illegible]]

[p 119: A note in the file indicates that the widow died on March 29, 1865, place not stated.]

[p 13: On December 16, 1872 in Chickasaw County Mississippi, Miss Sarah Raley gave testimony that she is the only surviving child of Sarah Raley, a revolutionary war pensioner as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$77.72 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private of cavalry in the South Carolina militia for 18 months and 17 days. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>9</sup> relating to Charles Raley

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Audited Account Microfilm file No. 6218

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No. 65

[No.] 246 [Book] Z

11 April 87 [1787]

Charles Raley Jun:r for 42 days duty in Militia in 1781 and 1782

Amount £10.2.10 ¼

“When the duty commenced [&] ended, no mention is made[“]

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G.” [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of So. Carolina To Charles Raly Jun.

Dr.

From the

1<sup>st</sup> May to

the 20<sup>th</sup>

1781

To 20 Days Duty in Col: John Marshel's

Regiment of Militia @ 10/ old Curracy [sic] pr. Day

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<sup>9</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

From the 1 <sup>st</sup> of Sept. to the 1 <sup>st</sup> of Oct. Same Date	To 30 Days Duty Do @ 10/ pr Day	15.0.0
From the 13 <sup>th</sup> of Febr'y to the 10 <sup>th</sup> of Aprl 1782	To 56 Days Duty Do @ 10/ Do	28.0.0
From the 3 <sup>rd</sup> of July to the 8 <sup>th</sup> of August Same Date 1782	To 36 Days Duty Do @ 10/pr Day	18.0.0
	140 Days	Total Amount
	Reduce to Sterling	<u>£71.0.0</u>
	S/ John Marshel Colo.	£10.2.10 ¼

*John Marshel Colo.*

State of So. Carolina  
Chesterfield County} Before me Charles Evans a Justice of the peace for the said County  
Personaly appeared Charles Raly Junr. and Duly made Oath that the above acct. as it Stands  
Stated is Just & true and that He has never Rec'd any part thereof Signed & Sworn to before me  
this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1787  
S/ Charles Evans, J.P.

S/ Charles raley Jun<sup>r</sup>

*Charles Raley Junr*

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Received full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 246, Z  
S/ Charles raley