

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Sartor [Sarter] W8700 Rebecca fn45SC
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State of South Carolina, Union District: to wit

On this the 31st day of January in the year of our Lord 1839 personally appeared before John J. Pratt Judge of the court of ordinary for said district in the said court Rebecca Sartor a resident of the state of South Carolina in the district of Union aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled “An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.”

That she is the widow of William Sartor who was a private soldier during the revolutionary war and served the term as set forth in the accompanying affidavits – she further states that she is unable to set forth of her own knowledge the particulars respecting the services of her deceased husband during the war but knows that he had left the service but a short time previous to their marriage and has often heard him repeat the incidents with which he was connected in the war. She further declares that she was married to the said William Sartor in February in the year 1783 that her husband the aforesaid William Sartor died on the 11th day of June in the year 1829; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz at the time above stated – she further states that her maiden name was Rebecca Hughes.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written before
S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge S/ Rebecca Sartor, Y her mark
of the Court of Ordy
for Union Dist., S.C.

[fn p. 4: On September 16, 1839 in Union South Carolina, Sarah Sartor¹ gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of William Sartor to Rebecca Hughes in the month of March 1782; that she is the sister of Rebecca.]

¹ Widow of John Peter Sartor FPA R9209

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State of South Carolina Union District

Personally came Major Thomas Young² before me John J Pratt Judge of the Court of ordinary for the district and State aforesaid and after being duly sworn states on oath that he became acquainted with William Sartor (formerly of Union District & State aforesaid now deceased) the husband of Rebecca Sartor the day on which the battle was fought at Kings Mountain in York District on the 7th of October in the year 1780. The said William Sartor was engaged in that battle as a private soldier and was attached to the company commanded by Captain William Farr and Colonel Thomas Brandon's Regiment. The said William Sartor continued in service until the battle of the Cowpens in Spartanburg district and State aforesaid on the 17th of January in the year 1781 and he was also engaged in that battle as deponent knows.

This deponent further states that the said William Sartor continued in the service of the United States as a private soldier until the British left Charleston in December 1782 from the time deponent became acquainted with him as above stated. This deponent was not attached to the same company with him but frequently saw him in service during the period above stated.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in the court of Ordinary January 30, 1839

S/ JJ Pratt, Judge

S/ Thomas Young



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Personally came Major Joseph McJunkin³ before me John J Pratt Judge as aforesaid who after being duly sworn states on oath that he knew William Sartor referred to in the foregoing affidavit from his boyhood until his death. The said William Sartor was a soldier of the revolution and it was said and understood that he volunteered between the age of fifteen and sixteen years. This deponent further states that he entered the service in the company commanded by Captain William Farr and after his promotion thinks he was attached to the company formerly commanded under the immediate direction of Colonel Farr who acted as deponent understood somewhat in the character of guardian.

This deponent further states that a few days before the battle at Blackstock's in November 1780 the soldiers rendezvoused at a place in Union district on Padget's Creek under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] (when this deponent was a Major and so continued to the end of the war). The said William Sartor was one of the soldiers present and he continued in the service until that battle in which he was engaged, he also continued in the service until the battle of the Cowpens in January 1781 and was engaged in that battle; this deponent was then detailed to convey the prisoners taken in that battle to South Yadkin [River] & when he returned the soldiers again rendezvoused at Harry Long's on Brown's Creek in Union District and the said William Sartor was there and deponent understood and does not doubt but he continued in the service up to that time. This deponent further states that the said William Sartor continued in the service

² [Thomas Young S10309](#)

³ [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

until he (deponent) was taken prisoner in the Spring of 1781 & carried to Ninety Six where he remained until two days before General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] attack & when he was released he joined Sartor in the service & believes he was at the Siege of Ninety Six. This deponent further states that after that time he frequently saw William Sartor in the service of the United States as a private soldier and believes he continued until the close of the War and has never known it doubted.

This deponent further states that he believes Williams Sartor was legally married to Rebecca Hughes they lived together as man and wife always had the reputation of being married & raised a large family of children.

Sworn to & subscribed on the in the court of ordinary January 31, 1839.

S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge

S/ Joseph McJunkin

the Court of

Ordy for Union Dist.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph McJunkin".

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848, for her husband's service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]