

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Sadler W9277 Mary Sadler VA
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State of South Carolina }
Laurens District } On this the tenth day of May in the year Eighteen hundred and forty four personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Laurens District, Mary Sadler, a resident of the State of South Carolina in the District of Laurens aged Eighty six 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 John Sadler who was a soldier in the army of the revolution. That she has been informed by her husband that he was in service under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and General Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter, commander of a Brigade of South Carolina Partisans], that he was engaged in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Camden [Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 or Battle of Hobkirk Hill on 25 Apr 1781], Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], and the Seige of Ninety Six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and performed four years service. That she has no documentary evidence in her possession in support of the claim; But respectfully begs reference to the records of the Virginia Continental line, for the term of service &c. She further declares that she was married to the said John Sadler on the eleventh day of July Seventeen hundred and Eighty two, in Halifax County, and State of Virginia, that there is no record of the marriage, that her husband, the aforesaid John Sadler died on the first day of December eighteen hundred and nineteen; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four Viz at the time above stated.

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[The following may actually pertain to a different John Sadler (pension application R9136).]

Pension Office, August 15 1842

Sir [P. C. Caldwell, House of Representatives], In reply to your enquiry of this date, I have the honor to inform you that it appear from the records of the Virginia Continental line in this Office of those who received certificates for the balance of full pay due for revolutionary service, under a resolution of the Virginia Legislature passed November Session 1781, that two certificates were issued for John Sadler, a Soldier of Infantry. The first was issued on the 27th of October 1783 for £16.12.0, and delivered to a Mr. Ford; and the other was issued on the 5th of November 1784 for £36.0.0 and handed to Thomas Watkins.

I have the honor to be, Very respectfully/ Your Ob't Servant.

J L Edwards [Commissioner of Pensions]

South Carolina } Personally appeard before me Marshal Pollard Magistrate of the said District
Laurens District } James Watts of s'd District and saith on his oath. That he was personally acquainted with John Sadler formerly of Halifax County Virginia and that the said Sadler did enlist as a Soldier for the term of Eighteen Months from whence he marched to Porstmouth [sic: Portsmouth] in Virginia. The said John Sadler emigrated from Virginia to South Carolina in the year 1783 where the widow of said Sadler now resides.

Sworn to before me this 26th day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty two.

[signed] James Watts

The State of South Carolina }
Laurens District } Before the subscriber personally appeared Peter Sadler, and being duly sworn makes oath, that he was well acquainted with John Sadler, formerly of Halifax County and State of Virginia. That the said John Sadler was a soldier of the revolutionary war – that he entered

the service in Halifax County in the state of Virginia and performed three tours of service, of three, six, & eighteen months in the whole twenty seven months. That this deponent was then young, being now seventy two years old, but well recollects that John Sadler was in service the time above stated. That he has heard John Sadler speak of being engaged in the Battle of Camden, at the Seige of Ninety Six, the battles of Eutaw, Stono [Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779], and Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and that he served under Generals Green & General Sumpter. That this deponent removed with the said John Sadler from Virginia to Laurens District South Carolina, where they continued to reside up to the death of John Sadler. That John Sadler died on the first day of December eighteen hundred & nineteen. That John Sadler was married to Mary Ball in July seventeen hundred and eighty two, in Halifax County and State of Virginia, that this deponent was present at said marriage. That the said Mary Sadler, removed with her husband John Sadler to Laurens District South Carolina, where she now resides. That the said Mary Sadler has not intermarried since, but continues the widow of the said John Sadler.

Sworn to before me this 16th day of May 1844.

[signed] Peter Sadler

NOTE: On 1 July 1844 Lewis Ball certified that John and Mary Sadler moved from Halifax County VA to Laurens District before 1794.