

**Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Samuel Motheral W971

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Brief in the case of Samuel Motherall of Wilson County in the State of Tennessee (Act 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? A Court
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? 75
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed:

Period	Duration of Service	Rank	Names of General and Field Officers, As a	Under who he served
Vol in 1780	6 Months	Private		Capt Moore, Col Sanders
	3 Months	Private		Capt McMillin
Drafted 1781	3 Months	Private		Capt Sanders, Col Turner

5. In what battles was he engaged? Eutaw Springs
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? Caswell Co. N.C.
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? Living Witness and traditionary.
8. Are the papers defective as to for or authentication? And if so, in what respect? The papers are not connected as the regulations direct

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

Dyer Custor  
\_\_\_\_ Clerk

State of

Tennessee Wilson County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wilson September Term A.D. 1832

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful Benjamin H Billings David C. Hibbetts, George H. Butler Esqs presiding Justices of the Peace for Wilson County at its September Term AD1832 now setting. Samuel Motherall a resident of the County of Wilson in the said State of Tennessee aged 75 years on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March last 1832 as appears from the family Register who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 . that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1780. As a volunteer under the command of Capt John Moore in the militia of North Carolina in the County of Caswell they rendezvoused at Hillsborough and were placed under the command of Colo. James Sanders afterwards joined General

Rutherford who took the command and marched to a place called the ten mile house near Charleston South Carolina in pursuit of the Tories and British unit discharged after a service of six months. In the month of January 1781 he again volunteered for three months in a company of mounted gun men commanded by Captain McMullin. They crossed over into Virginia in pursuit of the British they returned into North Carolina moving from point to point expecting and engagement with Cornwallis after having served two months he was taken with the small pox and continued sick until the end of the tour of service the circumstance of being attacked with the small pox prevented him from being in the Battle of Guilford in which the remainder of the Corps to which he belonged were engaged. As soon as the other described tour ended early in April 1781 he was drafted and attached to the company commanded by Captain Richard Sanders<sup>1</sup> (who lives near me in this county at this time) they rendezvoused at Hillsborough in North Carolina marched under the command of Colo Turner and joined Genl Greene's Army near Camden South Carolina while under the command of Genl Greene he was engaged in the battle of Eutaw Springs- he continued in service for three months when he was discharged his terms of service amounted in all to twelve months his different discharges he has long since lost. He cannot prove by any living witness any part of the service rendered by him except the tour of three months which he served under Captain Richard Sanders. On conversing with Captain Sanders he informs him that he recollects having seen him while on his six months tour in South Carolina. He can prove by Alexander McMennamy<sup>2</sup> that he was out as a soldier in the Revolutionary War but said witness cannot speak as to the truth of his service. If any further evidence is required on the matter it must rest on his statement and his character for truth which he believed can be established by all of his neighbours. He was born in the State of Pennsylvania his father moved to Caswell County in North Carolina where he resided when he entered the service of the United States. He moved from North Carolina to Tennessee in the year 1803 where he has resided ever since a period of 30 years. 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 any agency of any State of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed to in Samuel (his signature) Motherall  
open court the day and year aforesaid  
Josiah S. McClain Clerk

West Tennessee Samuel Motherall of Wilson Co. in the State of W T (West Tennessee?) who was a private in the company commanded by Captain Moore of the Reg commanded by Col Sanders in N Carolina line for 1 year

Inscribed on the Roll of West Tennessee at the rate of 40 Dollars \_\_\_ per annum to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831

Certificate of pension issued the 18day ;of March 1833 and sent to Ledbetter R. Burton Lebanon Tenn

Accrued to the 4th of March 1833 80.00  
Semi-ann. Allowance ending Sept 20.00  
100.00

{Revolutionary Claim}  
{Act June 7, 1832 }

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1 [Richard Sanders \(Saunders\) S3847](#)

2 [Alexander McMennamy S4201](#)

## Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 entitled "an Act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows"

State of Tennessee

Wilson County

On this 7<sup>th</sup> April 1840 personally appeared before the worshipful county court of Wilson County the same being a court of Record, Sarah Motheral a resident of said county aged between Seventy Seven & eight 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows". That she is the widow of Samuel Motherall deceased, who was a soldier as a private in the War of the Revolution, & was at the time of his death & for several years previous thereto on the pension roll of the United States at the Nashville Agency under the Act of June 7 1832 And for a particular amount of his service & the evidence in support of the same reference is here made to the papers on the files of the War Department in his said application.

She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Motheral on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January Seventeen hundred & eighty three; that her husband the aforesaid Samuel Motheral died on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February eighteen hundred & forty; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving for service; but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred & ninety four, viz, at the time above stated. There is no family or other record evidence of their marriage to her knowledge.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court                      Sarah (her signature) Motheral  
On the day & year above written  
(copy cuts signature off)

W971

Tennessee Nashville

Sarah Motherall widow of Samuel Motherall who served in the Revolutinary war, as a Private N. Carolina Mil Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of 40 Dollars-----Cents per annum, to commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 48 and sent to Smith & Kendrick Nashville Tenn

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act February 2, 1848, Page 296 Vol. 3

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(Page of Family Bible included in file)

Samuel Motheral was Born March the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1757

Sarah Motheral was Born June the 21<sup>st</sup> day of 1762

Anne Motheral was born January the 8<sup>th</sup> day of 1784

Agness Motheral was Born November the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day 1785

Margaret Motheral was born September the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1787

Jane Motheral was Born September the 26<sup>th</sup> Day 1789

Mary Motheral was born April the 24<sup>th</sup> 1792

Robert Motheral was born May the 10<sup>th</sup> Day 1793

John G Motheral was Born January the 21<sup>st</sup> Day 1795

Sally Motheral was Born October the 4<sup>th</sup> Day 1796

Elizabeth Motheral was born November the 8 Day 1798

\_\_\_\_\_ Motheral was born January 14<sup>th</sup> day 1801

William Motheral was born January 7<sup>th</sup> 1805