

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Leonard Marbury (Marberry) R6892

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State of Tennessee Haywood County: to wit

On this 13th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting in Brownsville in the County of Haywood Leonard Marbury of the said County of Haywood and State of Tennessee aged seventy-three years 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.

That he enlisted in the United States service in the State of Georgia about the commencement of the revolution under Colonel Leonard Marbury, \_\_\_Middleton Captain, \_\_\_ Travis Lieutenant and marched to the frontiers of Georgia and served 18 months as a guard to repel Indian attacks and during the time he was in an engagement against the Tories on Savannah River.

At the expiration of the 18 months aforesaid he was discharged by Colonel Marbury, which discharge is now lost. He was afterwards (the time not recollected) drafted as a militia man in the State of Georgia under Captain Greer—General Houston commanding -- he then marched into Florida from which place Houston returned to Georgia without any engagement when this applicant was discharged -- the time of this service was 6 months -- He then moved to Rowan County State of North Carolina, and volunteered under General Rutherford to march against the Tories embodied at Ramsour's Mills, they arrived only in time however to behold the dead and hear the groans of the dying -- the Tories having been completely defeated the day previous to their arrival

He then marched as a guard to conduct the British prisoners taken at Camden South Carolina to their place of confinement -- under Captain Cowen this service continued 9 months --

And this applicant -- thinks and believes his whole service in the United States during the war of the revolution to be about 2 years and a half. He was born in the State of Maryland in the year 1759 moved to the State of Georgia before the commencement of the revolutionary war. He then moved into Rowan County as stated above -- from thence to the County of Montgomery in the same State -- thence after 8 or 10 years -- to the County of Buncombe same State, thence after 10 or 12 years to Warren County Tennessee, thence after 2 or 3 years to the County of Haywood aforesaid where he has been living for about 3 years -- he has no documentary evidence of the facts set forth in the foregoing declaration and knows of no person to whom he can apply to prove his services.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Will B. Grove, Clerk

S/ Leonard Marbury

[fn p. 26: James Malden and William Morrison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Henry County: Personally appeared John Marbury a citizen of said County aged about sixty-four years before me John H. Warren an acting Justice of the peace of the said County -- and made oath, that he was well acquainted with Leonard Marbury now a citizen of Haywood County and an applicant for a pension under the late act of Congress and knows that he was a soldier of the Revolutionary Army -- and that he was in a battle with said Leonard Marbury fought by the Americans on one side and the British and Tories on the other across the Savannah River -- he cannot state the precise time of his entering the service, of leading it -- and further this affiant saith not -- Given under hand and seal this 24th of December 1833

S/ John H. Warren, JP

S/ John Marberry

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State of Tennessee Bedford County: Personally appeared before me Samuel Phillips an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County Luke Marbury a citizen of the County aforesaid aged sixty-seven years the 5th day of October next & also Eleanor G. Moore who is also a citizen of the said County of Bedford aged sixty-one years the 17th day of December next who after being duly sworn -- deposeth and saith that according to the best information they can gather from their parents they are the age severally as above stated, and that they were well acquainted with Leonard Marbury -- who then resided in the State of Georgia though the County State cannot recollect but remembers it was some distance above Augusta on the Savannah River during the Revolutionary war when the British & Americans were contending and arms and that said Luke Marbury saith as near as he can recollect Leonard Marbury entered the service of the United States under Colonel Leonard Marbury & Captain Middleton -- under the promise from the said Colonel L Marbury that he would be careful of him whilst he was with him in the service of the United States as a soldier this then being my impression that it was for the Relationship he had to my father who was also the Reputed father of Leonard Marbury said Luke further saith that Leonard Marbury the present applicant at that time withdrew himself from the family & was absent of a long duration but how long he cannot say, but all of the said time of absence I was uniformly under the impression that Leonard aforesaid was in the service of the United States under Colonel Leonard Marbury & Captain Middleton this opinion prevailed in my father's family uniformly. Luke aforesaid saith as near as he can recollect the next time he saw his brother Leonard it was at a time when a considerable Troop of British & Tories came through the Country up to Savannah River destroying the property of the Whigs as they came on where his father had fled across the River with many others for safety. It is at this place I next saw my brother Leonard engaged in fight with the British & Tories & shooting across the River at them, there he saw his brother Leonard shoot at what he supposed to be a British officer & saw after the guns fired several of the British run to him and take them off of his horse. It was afterwards said the officer's thigh [sic, thigh?] was broken. At this place Colonel Marbury comes up with his Troops of horse & took prisoners the most of the said British & Tories here at this place Luke says his brother Leonard departed again with the American Army & was no more seen by him to he saw him in North Carolina where his father had moved to. There he testifies his brother Leonard was well received by the true Whigs of that Country.

Eleanor G. Moore aforesaid says she does well recollects seeing Leonard Marbury engaged in fighting the British & Tories at Savannah River & distinctly recollects carrying ammunition to Leonard Marbury where he was engaged in shooting across the Savannah River at

the British & Tories whilst the bullets were flying & whizzing plentifully -- among the Americans across the River from the Enemy -- at this place she says Colonel Leonard Marbury took the British & Tories prisoners. She said she is so fully persuaded of the facts in relation to the services of Leonard Marbury that she has no existing doubt but that Leonard Marbury was and chiefly all of the whole of the Revolutionary war & that she was so situated as to know that he was engaged at sundry times & chiefly in the service of the United States but cannot say as to time precisely or the particular engagements & that she knows he was considered a faithful soldier who was applauded for such after his Returned at the end of the war & well received by the Whigs of that Country & also recollects his return home from the war to North Carolina with military clothing on so as to impress her with the belief he had for some office. Sworn to and subscribed to before made this 26th day of September 1834.

S/ Samuel Phillips, JP

S/ L. Marberry

S/ Elenor G. Moore, X her mark

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

On the 18th day of April 1837 personally appeared before me J H Marbury an Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Eleanor Moore of said County aged a Lady of Lawful age of respectability and good fame & whose Affidavit is entitled to credit & made oath that she lived in the State of Georgia about the year 1777 or about that time, there being a call for men to defend the frontiers of Georgia & that Colonel Leonard Marbury being a recruiting officer to raise men to keep the Tories & Indians in check & that she the said Eleanor more remembers that Leonard Marbury a private Enlisted for 18 months Tour & that he was during that whole period of time or Longer in the service & came home Honorably discharged & when he the said Marbury returned he was duly applauded for his being a faithful Soldier & friend of his Common Country. She also states that the said Leonard Marbury a private served in other Tours & saw him in the service when the enemy & the American arms was in contact at the River Savannah.

This day witnessed & subscribed before me

S/ Eleanor Moore, X her mark

S/ J. H. Marbury, JP

State of Tennessee Bedford County: on the 18th day of April 1837 personally appeared before me J H Marbury a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid -- Luke Marbury of said County a man of Lawful age of Respectability & good fame and whose affidavit is entitled to credit & made oath in due form of law that he is now 70 years old the 5th of October next & that in the year 1777 or about that time he lived with his father in the State of Georgia & at a period of time when the British arms was turned against the United States together with the Tories & Indians -- & that he well recollects of his Brother Leonard Marbury a private in listing under Colonel Leonard Marbury who was a distinguished Republican Soldier & friend to Libertys of these United States & a recruiting officer for a tour of service that was to the best of his recollection & is strongly impressed on his mind that it was 18 months & that if the time should deviate from that it seems to him to be longer but being a man of other Tours which he did serve his mind may be led to those Tours & he is also assured that the said Leonard Marbury his Brother private was fairly discharged & came home honorably applauded for his faithfulness to his common country. This day witnessed & subscribed before me date above.

S/ J. H. Marbury, JP

S/ L. Marbery [sic]

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State of Tennessee Haywood County

On this 5th day of June 1837 personally appeared in open Court of Pleas before William E. Owen, Jonathan Jacocks and Lyne S. Taleofaro the County Court for said County now sitting Leonard Marbery [sic, the name spelled "Marbery" throughout this document] a resident now of the County and State aforesaid aged 78 years on the 4th day of April last who being first 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States as a private in the year 1777 with Colonel Leonard Marbury a Recruiting officer then in the State of Georgia for the term of 18 months, but the month or particular time of that year, this declarant does not now recollect, having failed much in recollection by reason of old age and infirmity. That he served under said Colonel Leonard Marbury in Captain Robert Middleton's company, and one Travis as Lieutenant, he being then when he enlisted about 17 or 18 years of age having been born in the State of Maryland and while young his parents moved into the State of North Carolina, from thence they removed to the State of Georgia, during this term of 18 months for which he was enlisted, these troops was employed the most of the time in the frontiers of Georgia as scouting parties, for holding the Tories and Indians in check, that some short time before his term of service expired, he was taken sick with the pleurisy and returned home on furlough, but in a short time Recovered again and join his company in the same Regiment under said Colonel Marbury where he continued until he was discharged by his Officers after having fully and faithfully served the 18 months for which he was enlisted. That during this time this declarant states he was in no Action with the Enemy but was at all times ready to risk his life for his country, and he further saith that at the end and term of his service he was regularly discharged by his Commanding officers, but has lost his discharge, the date of which he cannot now recollect but to the best of his knowledge it was in the year 1779.

This declarant further states that Luke Marbury who was then living in the State of Georgia at the time of this service recollects facts and circumstances of his entering into the Army for the 18 months and of his leaving it by being discharged, has deposed to the same, which Certificate and affidavit is hereunto annexed, And he further states that Eleanor Moore was also then living in the neighborhood, has deposed the facts, also hereunto annexed, but being at the distance of near 700 miles from the scene of action where these things occurred, he knows at present of no other positive proof, he neglected to preserve his papers of discharge and knows of no documentary evidence positively which can testify to his service. This declarant further states that after he was discharged from the Tour of 18 months he was twice called into service in the militia under the United States in the State of Georgia and did serve 2 militia Tours, which he is now unable to prove and for which he claims no compensation -- that about the close of the Revolutionary war he removed again into the County of Roan [sic, Rowan] in North Carolina and lived there till the year 1810 from thence he removed to the State of Tennessee and now resides in the County of Haywood. He relinquishes hereby every claim whatsoever to a Pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Len, Marury [sic]

[Asa Biggs, a clergyman and Herndon Haralson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]