

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Mathew Cummings VAS3220
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I, Matthew Cummings, of the County of Franklin & State of Kentucky, do declare that I in Cumberland County, in the State of Pennsylvania, in the year 1776 enlisted as a Soldier to serve two years in the Pennsylvania line. I served out that time and was discharged. I then removed my family to Charlotte County, Virginia where I on the 15th day of July 1780 enlisted as a Corporal to serve during the war in Capt Overtons [John Overton BLWt1615-300] Company in the 2nd Virginia Continental Regiment, commanded by Col. Samuel Hawes [BLWt1066-450]. I was soon after transferred to Capt Dunham's Company in Col. Richard Campbells [BLWt347-450] Regiment in the Virginia Continental line, where I was made a Sergeant and marched to the Southard. I was in the Battle of Guilford Court house [15 Mar 1781]; my Company being very much cut up in the said Battle, the residue of us were transferred to Capt Sansons [probably Philip Sansum BLWt2060-300] Company, and as there were still Sergeants in the company, I was made a Corporal in that Company, and served as a Corporal until I was taken a prisoner at the Battle Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], and was left a prisoner on board the prison ship Esk[?], in the Harbour of Charleston until sometime in November 1782, when I was discharged I went to Col. Thos Posey [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450] and reported my self, he directed me to General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] who gave me an honorable discharge & then returned to my family in Virginia. That on removing to Kentucky in 1788 I lost my said discharge & have never since been able to find it, but I never received my land warrant or sold it or ever before made application for it
[9 July 1821]



[several illegible words] in Captain [undeciphered] Company in Col Samuel Hawes Reg't in the Virg'a continental line and knew [one or two undeciphered words] the Mathew Cummings mentioned in the Affidavit hereunto annexed. said Cummings enlisted to serve during the war in the said Regiment and was made a Serjant in the said Company to which I belonged. he was marched on to the Southward and was in the battle of Guilford Courthouse, [several undeciphered words] in that battle [one or two undeciphered words] transferred to Capt [undeciphered] Company in the [several illegible words] that Corps [several lines not clear enough to transcribe] he served as Corporal until at the battle of the Eutaw Springs when he was taken [several illegible lines]

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