

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Meshach Mathews VAS 521

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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Levin Hyslop¹ a Revolutionary pensioner & a man of truth & veracity made oath before me that he enlisted & served one tour in Captain Blair's Company of the 9th Virginia Regiment of the Continental line in the Revolutionary War & then reenlisted & served till the War ended & has drawn 200 acres of land for his services – that he was well acquainted with Meshach Mathews who served out one tour in said Regiment & then reenlisted for the War & died in service.

S/ Wm R. Custis

Robert Russell Senior² a Revolutionary soldier & a man of truth & veracity made oath before me that he served three and a half years in the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution, including his imprisonment, & that he was well acquainted with Meshach Mathews who after serving one term in the 9th Virginia Regiment reenlisted and died in service, but that he does not [the image of this document as posted is cut off at the bottom thereof at this point]

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or for 3 years –

The full born affidavits taken by me this first day of February 1833 as a Justice of the peace in & for Accomack County

S/ Wm R. Custis, JP

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30th day of April 1783, in the name of Meshach Mathews, as a sold. infy [soldier infantry] for £4.14.5, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Cropper and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
15th day of April 1833.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Note, not signed, in this file reads as follows: "For evidence in support of R. Russell's statement see the deposition of Samuel Waples a revolutionary Officer filed in the claim of Isma Giddens, Soldiers."]

¹ FPA W7858

² [Robert Russell W5753](#)