

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathew Varnadore (Varnedoore) R10914

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State of Tennessee, County of Sullivan

On the 18th day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court before us: Janus Gragg, David Shaver, Wm. Holley & Thos. Rockholt, Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said county and state; Mathew Varnedoore, a resident citizen of Hawkins County and said State, aged Seventy-Eight years past, who, first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress of the 7th of June 1832, that he entered the service of the United States as follows that he enlisted for three years in the United States army under John Wilson Sergeant with four others, John Davis, William Davis, Henry Jackson and Archibald Jackson, that he enlisted at Orangeburg, South Carolina, that he marched to Bluefort's Island [Beaufort Island] where he joined the Army and was placed in a company under the command of Captain John White, William Blackstocks Lieutenant and George Stuart Ensign in a ridgement [regiment] commanded by Col Mayes in a Brigade commanded by General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter]--from Beaufort Island we marched to Charleston thence to Cambridge where we had a battle with the British-- thence we marched to Holloe Creek there we fought another battle, there Col Mayes died, from thence we marched to Rocky Mount there Genl Sumter took sick, then we were put under the command of Genl Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in a Regt. Commanded by Col. Washington [William Washington] and Major Oliver, from there we marched to the high hills of Santee to winter quarters, from thence we marched to the Eutaw Springs. There we fought another battle with the British and there I received a wound in my left knee by a musket Ball. Enlisted in Sept. 1778 and was discharged from service in Sept. 1781 by Capt. John White—which discharge was afterwards burnt up with this declarant's house. This declarant states that he thus served in the Regular Army as an enlisted soldier in the Revolutionary War for the term of three years, that he has no documentary evidence to prove his service and that he knows of no person who can testify to his service except James Bates whose affidavit is hereunto annexed. This declarant states that he was born in Orangeburg District, South Carolina, in the year 1756, that he lived there until the fall of 1832 when he moved to Monroe County in the State of Tennessee. Whilst there this declarant applied for a pension but was informed his name was not to be found on the roll names of Revolutionary soldiers filed in the War Department. This declarant then left Monroe County to wit in the fall of 1833 for the purpose of going to the State of Virginia to procure evidence of this service, but the person by whom he expected to make such proof died shortly before this declarant got to where he lived. He then returned to Tennessee and when he arrived in the County of Sullivan, he heard of James Bates, the person whose affidavit is hereto

annexed who was in the service at the same time this declarant was stationed at Charleston though he was in the Militia Service. This applicant can produce no other testimony and if this will no answer to procure him a pension, he must depend on charity for his support being destitute of property and almost unable to walk. This declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whosoever to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the roll of the pension agency of any state. This declarant states that he has lived in Hawkins County since last fall and that he resides there now. This declarant states that there is no resident clergyman in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the regulation of the War Department.
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court
Feby. 18th, 1834

S/ Mathew Varnedoore, X his mark

We Nathaniel Perrin of the County of Hawkins & John Bates of the County of Sullivan & State of Tennessee do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Mathew Varnedoore who has subscribed his name and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 78 years of age. The said Nathaniel therein states that said Matthew Varnedoore is reputed & believed to have been a soldier of the revolution – and that he concurs in that opinion.

And the said James Bates¹ states that he is well satisfied that said Mathew Varnedoore was in the revolutionary War and that he served at the same time at Charleston South Carolina that he the said James Bates served – that the said Mathew Varnedoore was a soldier in the regular or Continental Army & he in the militia service, both stationed at the same place at Charleston South Carolina for some time.

Sworn to & subscribed this 18th day of February 1833 before us.

S/ William Hawley, JP

S/ James Bates, X his mark

S/ James Gregg, JP

S/ Nathaniel Perrin

S/ Thos. Rockhold, JP

S/ David Shaver, JP

[On July 19th 1834, Flower Mullins,² 74, gave oath in Hawkins County, Tenn. That while in the service at Eutaw Springs he heard the name Mathew Varnedoore “often times when the Muster Roll was held,” and that the Mathew Varnedoore standing before him was one and the same man as served with him. He signed with his mark.]

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The amended declaration of Matthew Varnadore: States that from the long lapse of time, that has occurred since his service mentioned in the former part of his declaration his memory may have betrayed him into some slight mistakes as to the names of officers.

On further reflection he states that it was under Colonel Henderson [William Henderson?] that he served and fought at Eutaw Springs in South Carolina. He further states that he prays the amended declaration may be received as part of his Statement.

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Personally appeared Matthew Varnadore before me Daniel Branstetter, a justice of the peace of said County and made oath that the facts stated in the above amended declaration are true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 28th of August 1834.

¹ Probably the same man as [James Bates S2938](#)

² [Flower Mullins S1557](#)

S/ Daniel Branstetter, JP

S/ Mathew Varnadore, X his mark