

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John B. Mathews R20401

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Georgia Crawford County:

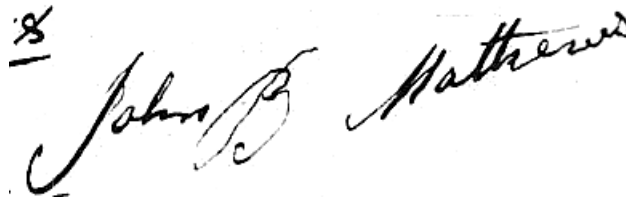
Know all men that I John B. Mathews of the said County of Crawford in the said State of Georgia do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private soldier in Captain James Knox Company in Colonel Martin's Regiment of the Continental line And I also declare that I afterwards received a Certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled by a resolve of Congress passed on the 15th day of May 1778. And do further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States and I also further declare that I had a discharge but that the same is lost.

The foregoing statement and declaration --

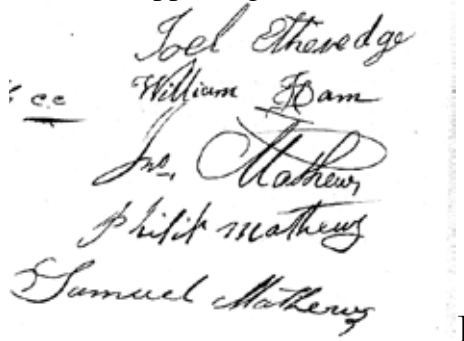
Sworn to and subscribed before made this 17th day of July 1828

S/ Jeremiah C. Harvey, JIC

S/ John B. Mathews



[Joel Ethridge, William Ham, Philip Mathews, John Mathews and Samuel Mathews gave the standard supporting affidavit.



Treasury Department,  
August 23, 1828

John B Matthews of \_\_\_ in the County of Crawford in the State of Georgia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a private in Captain J. Knox's Company, in ~~the~~ Colonel Martin's regiment of the North or South Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
6<sup>th</sup> May 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_~~

It further appears that John B. Matthews is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.~~

The name of John B. Matthews cannot be found among those of either the North or South Carolina line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued –

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office  
7 May 1829

The records of this Office do not shew that John B Matthews of the North or South Carolina line ever received or is entitled to bounty land of the United States.

S/ Robert Taylor

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Knoxville Crawford County  
5th of January 1829

Sir

Your Communication bearing date 20th of December 1828 has been received requesting information &c. I enlisted under Captain Knox in the State of South Carolina and mustered under Colonel Martin whose Christian name is not recollected. During my tour of Servitude was in various parts of the United States. At one time was under Colonel Richardson at another was under General Lincoln or Linkhorn [Benjamin Lincoln]. My discharge as I have already stated is lost.

Respectfully

S/ John B. Mathews

[envelope addressed to Secretary of the Treasury US, Washington City]

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Knoxville  
10<sup>th</sup> March 1829

Sir, your letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> of February has been received for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time requesting me to transmit to the Department necessary information to enable it to examine the public records in relation to my services. I will again state that I enlisted in the state of South Carolina in Newberry district under Captain James Knox – who was a Captain in the troops that will marching from North Carolina – the Company in which I enlisted belonged to Colonel Martin's Regiment. I served in what was familiarly called the Snow Campaign.<sup>1</sup> Perhaps my name may be upon the record John Matthews and not John B Matthews. I can add nothing more with regard to my services if nothing is to be allowed me for my Revolutionary services – must content myself with the reflection that I have rendered my Country some service and have lived to enjoy the benefit of those liberties which it is fondly hoped will long continue.

I am aged, poor and infirm and it is with the utmost difficulty that I can procure a scanty subsistence. I am certain that my name must be upon the records of the department and it is hoped diligent search will be made therefor.

Respectfully &c  
S/ John B Mathews

To/

Secretary Treasury U. S.  
Washington City

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_snow\\_campaign.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html) . Records indicate that the 2nd North Carolina Regiment of continentals under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Martin in command of at least 4 companies, one of which was commanded by Captain William Knox, participated in the Snow Campaign. Overall command of the action was exercised by Colonel Richard Richardson of the South Carolina militia, Camden District Regiment.