

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Mallory R6845

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The State of Alabama } Ss

Benton County }

Be it remembered that on this 11th day of November in the year of our Lord 1835 personally appeared me C A Green Judge of the Court in & for said County John Mallory a resident of said County and State, aged seventy six years since the 11th day of March last, who being first duly sworn according, to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

The said applicant John Mallory under an act of the Legislature of Virginia passed in the Year 1780 for raising Troops in the Revolutionary War the said applicant was on the 17th day of April 1781 was Drafted for a term of Eighteen months service and was immediately mustered into service in Louisa County Virginia (the County of the residence at that time of this applicant) under the command of Capt Smith and was attached to the regiment of Col [Thomas] Gaskins in the Army of Genl. Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben], and were marched to the Pointy Fork on James River [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers] in said State of Vir. & were there kept in training for about the term of two months. The applicant was appointed when he was Drafted a Corporal in Capt Smiths Company and served as such. During the time said app't. was in training at said Pointy Fork, Col Tarlton a British commander with his forces, came to attack us & we Retreated [sic: Lt. Col. John Simcoe attached to Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, 5 - 6 Jun 1781] & were immediately marched to Staunton [sic: southwest to Staunton River]. We were then ordered by Genl LaFayette to march & Join Genl [Anthony] Wayne, and were marched to under the command of the above named officers to Old Jamestown, crossed James river at that place and were marched on to old Williamsburg where we joined Gen'l Wayne. This was some time in the early part of the Fall [sic: see endnote].

We were then marched under the command of the same officers, Genl Wayne, Chief Commander to Little York, where we were joined by Gen'l Washington and his Regular Army, where we remained until the conflict came on [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. It is here useless to describe all the minutiae that occurred at that siege.

So soon as the surrender of Lord Cornwallis applicant was put under the command of Captain Beverly Roy in the regiment of Col [Thomas] Posey, and was marched to Powhatten [sic: Powhatan] old Courthouse for winter quarters. There was no Genl with us. where he remained until some time February 1782 when we were ordered to join Genl Wayne in Georgia. We then marched under the command of Capt Roy, Battallion of Major Finly [sic: Samuel Finley], Regiment of Col Posey, marched to a village on Savannah River, called Ebenezer where we joined Genl Wayne where we remained some time & were marched to Creek called Big Ogeechee where we had a skirmish with the Tories aided By a few Brittish [at Harris's Bridge on Ogeechee River, 20 May 1782] We defeated them this was about the 1st of June '82 we were then marched to a place called the Widow Gibbon's where Genl W. took quarters in the State of Georgia where we remained, scouting through the Country for some distance flogging the Indians when we could find him The condition of the Genl and his army with whom he served, was indeed a perilous one Some times we were attacked at night by the Indians & Tories. we remained until some time he thinks about the 1st of August the Brittish evacuated Savannah [sic: 11 Jul] & Genl Wayne immediately thereafter took possession. we remained there but a few days until we were marched to Genl Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] near Charleston South Carolina. We were then ordered by Genl. Green under the command of the same officers to Cumberland old Courthouse in the state of Virginia near James River. When we arrived our Time of 18 months having expired we were discharged Honorably by General

[Charles] Scott. Applicant recev'd from Genl Scott a written discharge which he has lost. He now here states that he served 18 months in the years 1781 & 1782. That from the 17th Apl 1781 until the last of Oct'r 1782 he was engaged in actual service under the command of the within named officers & that during this time he was engaged in [no] Civil persuit whatever.

He states that he has no record of his age, now but from the information of his father while living & his relations now, he is convinced that he has accurately stated his age. He was born in Orange Co. V'r. After the war he removed to the State of Georgia where he resided until he removed to this county with his children in the year 1831.

[Thomas Mallory made a supporting statement of his brother's service.]

NOTES:

Lafayette retreated north from Point of Fork about the time Steuben arrived there on 28 May. Lafayette and Wayne joined forces near Monrovia in Orange County on 10 June. Lafayette, the commander-in-chief of the Virginia troops, and Wayne arrived near Jamestown about 6 July.

A size roll of noncommissioned officer and privates taken at Powhatan Courthouse lists the following: John Malery/ age 21/ height 5' 7"/ brown hair/ green eyes/ fair complexion/ born and residing in Louisa County where he was drafted on 17 Apr 1781 for 18 months. Previously served three years in the 2nd Virginia Regiment. Sized on 14 May 1781.