

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Mathews (Matthews) R7020

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State of South Carolina Sumter District

On this eighth day of April in the year while Lord 1842, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting, Hugh Matthews, a resident of said District & State, aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. --

That he was born in the year 1762 near the Dan River in Guilford County North Carolina but has no record of his age: & removed at about 5 years of age as his parents to South Carolina in Craven County on the Wateree River, where he remained until the winter before the fall of Charleston, South Carolina [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] when he returned back to North Carolina to get out of the way of the British Troops, & resided in Guilford & Randolph Counties. His services in the Revolutionary War, were as follows: Upon the passage of General Gates [Horatio Gates'] Troops towards South Carolina I was pressed by Capt. Brown [possibly Capt. Le Brun de Bellecoeur] of Col. Armon's [Charles Armand Tuffin, marquis de la Rouerie] Legion of Cavalry of the Regulars to carry expresses from Randolph County, from the Camp near Cox's Mills, on Deep Creek or River to Lieut. Decatur who was stationed at Cross Creek (now Fayetteville). I remained in that employment about a month & received no pay & was discharged when the troops moved on towards South Carolina & left me to find my way home near 100 miles without a cent. A few days previous to the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] (I was then living in Guilford County) Col. Litterell [sic, John Luttrell] of the Militia collected together on horseback the County Militia to participate in the expected fight. I Hugh Matthews volunteered & was in service about ten days, we found ourselves in everything. We had gotten in hearing of the battle when it occurred -- say five miles -- we joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at the Iron works, the day after the battle & stayed with him about 10 days, marched under him to Guilford Court House -- then to Bell's Mill & then to Coxe's Mill [Cox's Mill] on Deep River where Col. Luttrell discharged us. The winter following I volunteered under Capt. John Rains of the Militia of Randolph County -- Col. Isaacks [Samuel Isaacs] commanding -- and served as a Trooper for three months, the term for which we volunteered. We found our on horses & accoutrements of every description, except provisions, which were taken by Capt. Rains wherever they could be found, & gave receipts for them to be paid by the Public -- we drew no pay. The particular object of this volunteering was to take Col. Fanning [David Fanning] a Tory Col. of considerable notoriety. Col. Fanning went down into South Carolina & I believe left the United States, with the British troops.

Afterwards, in 1782 troops were required for 18 months service to go down into South Carolina. I was then living in Randolph County under Capt. Zebidee Woods -- four men had to be furnished by this Company -- we assembled and were balloted -- and it fell upon deponent to go as one of the four. We were placed under the command of Capt. Thomas Clarke of the

Regulars. -- I do not recollect the higher officers as I did not see them. -- we were to rendezvous at Guilford Court House and to go South from that place -- wagons and teams were very much wanted to transport the Troops & provisions; & the offer was made to the troops, that any four of them who would join together and find a wagon & team, for the use of the Army, it would be deemed equivalent to an 18 months service & they should receive a regular discharge therefore. Relying on this offer, this deponent with 3 other soldiers, viz., Denny Hopkins, Robert Moore & Ralph Lowe amongst us provided a wagon & team, & delivered the same to Capt. Thomas Clarke, who thereupon gave each of us a discharge. That discharge I have preserved ever since & those now much mutilated is still legible & is in the following words

"State of North Carolina Randolph County: This is to certify that Hugh Matthews has furnished his part of one wagon & team for the use of the North Carolina Continental Line, for 18 months, & is hereby discharged -- certified by me this 15th day of September A.D. 1782.

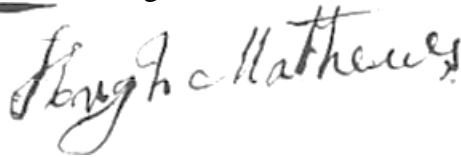
S/ Thos. Clark, Captn."

The original discharge is herewith filed. -- Two or three years after the revolutionary war this deponent returned to South Carolina & settled on the High Hills of Santee in Craven County (now Sumter District) where he has remained ever since with little exception. This deponent is residing some hundred miles from the scene of his services -- he has no means of going there in search of living witnesses to the truth of his statements, and there are none residing in South Carolina within his knowledge, and he has no documentary evidence to establish his claim other than the discharge hereto appended. This Deponent says that the discharge herewith filed signed by Thomas Clarke Capt. is genuine & in the proper handwriting of said Capt. Thomas Clarke. This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ D. L. Wardlaw, Presiding Judge

S/ Hugh Mathews



S/ Jas. Parsons, CC

[Noah Graham, a clergyman, & Morris Murphey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

