

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Mathews R7021

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State of Kentucky Boone County

On the 5th day of December 1843 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Boone County now sitting James Mathews a resident of the County of Boone and State of Kentucky aged 79 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 7 1832. That he was drafted in the service of the United States in the month of September 1781, in the County of Augusta State of Virginia, Colonel Moffatt [George Moffett] superintended said draft that the company in which he served was commanded by John McKitterick [John McKittrick] and he was marched to the frontiers of the State of Virginia and for the term of six months he served as a private in said Company the duty which said Company performed was in guarding the frontiers against the depredations of the Savages. After this he had served his term of six months he was discharged which discharge has been lost so that it cannot now be found, he therefore cannot procure any documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He 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 and subscribed on the day and date above written in open court

S/ J. G. Hamilton, Clerk

S/ James Mathews



[William Butts, a clergyman, and John P Gaines gave the standard supporting affidavit.

[p 2: On December 1, 1843, Elizabeth Gaines, 68, gave testimony that she is the sister of James Mathews the applicant for a pension under the 1832 act; that she remembers his being drafted in the service of the United States in the fall of the year 1781 and that he returned home from service the following spring.

