

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mathews R7025

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State of South Carolina in Edgefield District:

On this 18th day of October 1838 Personally appeared in open Court before the Court now sitting for the District, and State aforesaid John Mathews aged Seventy Six 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.

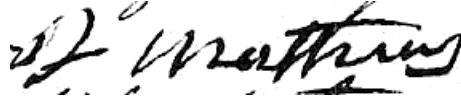
That he was born in Burke County in the State of North Carolina, that his Parents moved to the State & District aforesaid when he was quite young, that he has resided in the District & State aforesaid ever since. The applicant states, that he first entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of Captain John Ryan sometime in the year 1779, that he volunteered under said officer for the term of six months, that during the time he was under his command that they were attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel LeRoy Hammond attached to General Pickens [Andrew Pickens'] Brigade and that he was in active service during that period. Immediately after he was discharged from said command, he again volunteered under the command of Captain Richard Jones for six months, that the said company was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Hammond & General Pickens Brigade, that the said Company was principally employed as a scout in the lower parts of the State, that while in said company that they had an engagement with the Tories on Edisto, that after he had served out his term, that he volunteered under the command of Captain John Carter for six months. That he was mustered into the service near Augusta in this District, that during that period he was at the siege of Augusta, and a part of his time acting as a scout with said company. That sometime in the year 1781 he again volunteered for six months under said Captain John Carter the Company attached to the Regiment of Colonel L. Hammond General Pickens Brigade. That said company with Captain John Ryan's and other was marched to the Edisto River by Colonel LeRoy Hammond in pursuit of the Tories, that near the forks of the Edisto they had an engagement with the Tories, dispersed & killed several of them, that he was marched back to this District & discharged and afterward volunteered under the said Captain John Carter as a scouting Company and remained with him in service during the remainder of the war.

The applicant further states that from old age and loss of memory that he is unable to state precisely all the different periods of his services But refers to the annexed affidavit, as proof of his service. He further states that there is no clergyman in his neighborhood that he can avail himself of the testimony of.

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.
S/ John Belton O'Neill, Pres. Judge

S/ J Mathews



[John Randolph gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Edgefield District:

Personally appeared before me Peter Hilliard¹ aged Eighty-two years a soldier of the Revolution and now a Pensioner of the General Government, who deposeth that he knew the affiant John Mathews during the revolutionary war. That he first saw him at the Siege of Augusta doing duty under the command of Captain John Ryan, that he afterwards saw him under the several command of Captain John Carter & Captain Sinkfield [sic, probably either Francis or Samuel Sinquefield]. That he believes the affiant to have been a soldier of the revolution and that he discharged his duty as such.

Sworn to before made this 16th day of October 1838

S/ R. Kenney Quorum

S/ Peter Hillard, X his mark

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South Carolina Edgefield District

Personally appeared before me John Randall² aged ninety-four years a soldier of the revolution, and now a Pensioner of the State of South Carolina who deposeth that he knew the applicant John Matthews during the revolutionary war. That he first saw him at the siege of Augusta doing duty under the command of Captain John Ryan. That he afterwards saw him under the several commands of Captain John Carter & Captain Sinkfield. That he believes the applicant to have been a soldier of the revolution and that he discharged his duty as such.

Sworn to before me this the 17th day of October 1838.

S/ Lewis Holmes JQ

S/ John Randall, X his mark

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² [John Randall S18173](#)