

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Littleberry (Littlebury) Matthews (Mathews) R7027

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State of North Carolina Surry County

On this 14th day of August 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record so known & declared to be by the Laws of the State of North Carolina and opened and held as such this day for the County of Surry Littleberry Matthews aged about seventy years; who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Mathews enlisted for the term of twelve months on the ___ day of September in the year as well as he recollects of 1775 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Taliaferro in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford in the line of the State of Virginia 2nd Regiment on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of his term when he was discharged from the said service in Williamsburg in the State of Virginia; that afterwards in February 1777 as well as he recollects he enlisted for the term of three years under Captain Thomas Merryweather [Thomas Meriwether] in Caroline County in the State of Virginia in the 7th Regiment on the Continental establishment; that he being taken sick he hired a substitute who served till the expiration of the term that he obtained an Honorable discharge from his Captain which he has since lost.

That he was in the battles of Monmouth Court House [June 28, 1778]; and at the Great Bridge [December 9, 1775] near Norfolk in Virginia and he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own oath, and the affidavit of Nancy Mathews hereto annexed.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit

53 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land worth \$100, 2 cattle worth \$12, 5 head of hogs worth about \$8, one ax worth one dollar 2 hoes worth one dollar; that he owes to sundry persons in his neighborhood between 35 & \$40:

That he is by occupation a farmer and little able to carry it on especially in the winter when he is afflicted with Rheumatism; that his family consist of himself, his wife and one daughter named Betsey.

S/ Littleberry Matthews, X his mark

[p 18: Note that the above claim was "Rejected, not having served on the Continental establishment. See letter to Honorable Lewis Williams House of Representatives 9th January 1824".]

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State of North Carolina Surry County: SS

On this 1 day of August personally appeared before me Josiah Cowles one of the Magistrates and Member of the County Court of Surry County North Carolina Littleberry Mathews a resident of said County aged 77 years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That he enlisted into the United States Service for one year under Captain William Taliaferro (or Tolliver) we were attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment under Colonel William Woodford. We marched to Norfolk was at the engagement of the Great Bridge on the 8th December 1775 in this battle [one or more indecipherable words with the paper is now] (British) was killed. We were discharged at Williamsburg this discharge was signed by Colonel Woodford & is lost. He enlisted in February 1777 under Captain Thomas Meriwether 7th Virginia Regiment Colonel Brunt. We was stationed at Williamsburg thence we were marched to Alexandria where we had the Small Pox administered to us. After we were marched on to Monmouth C. H. he was on guard when that Battle took place. He recollects that General Morgan was there also General Lee & thinks that Lee did something that displeased Washington. This battle took place in the month of June '78 a very hot day. He served his three years out and was discharged in February 1780 at Fredericksburg by Colonel Meriwether. This discharge is also lost – he also served in the militia afterwards but if the above is established it is sufficient & to enable him to receive his pension.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares his name is not on any Pension Roll of any agency of any State or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year above.

S/ Littleberry Mathews, X his mark

[p 12: power of attorney dated August 27, 1851 executed by Bradley Mathews, using his mark, in Surry County North Carolina. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated in the power of attorney. In another document, however, it is stated that he is the son of Littleberry Mathews.]