

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Mathews R7028                      Martha Mathews                      PA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia    } Ss.

County of Brooke }    On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1833 personally appeared before me, Moses Congleton, a Justice of the peace, and of the Court of Record, in and for the County aforesaid, Richard Matthews, resident in the same county and state, aged seventy nine years past, who from age and extreme infirmity, I do certify is unable to attend at the court of said County; and who, after being 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

That he enlisted on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1776, as a private soldier with Captain Thomas Robinson, for one year; this service was to have been performed along the Delaware bay and prevent the enemy from pilleging along it Shore; but, After enlistment, the company to which Declarant belonged was attached to Col. Anthony Waynes regiment of Pennsylvania troops, and with said regiment were marched to Canada and was in the battle of the Three rivers [Trois-Rivieres], on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1776 where the American troops were defeated; that after the said battle, the American troops retreated, and the Declarant, with other troops returned to Pennsylvania, by the way of Crown point &c to the town of Darby, below Philadelphia, where he and the company to which he belonged, were discharged, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1777, by Captain Robinson, having served one year, the full period of his enlistment.

Interrogatories by the Magistrate.

Question 1<sup>st</sup>. Where, and in what year was you born?

Answer. I was born in Cumberland county in the then colony, now State of Pennsylvania, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1753, and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feby. next will be eighty years of age?

Question 2<sup>d</sup>. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age. My knowledge of it is from seeing my birth recorded in my father's family prayer book, in which he recorded the ages of his family.

Question 3<sup>d</sup>. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Chester county, Pennsylvania at the time I enlisted with Captain Robinson; and the greater portion of my time since the war of the Revolution, in the State of Pennsylvania, and for the last three years in the county of Brooke and State of Virginia, where I continue to reside.

Question 4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service? &c.

Answer. I enlisted, to service one year, with Capt. Robinson, as above stated.

Question 5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the regular officers who wee with the troops where you served; such continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I had but a slight knowledge of the officers, excepting those of our own Regiment. I well recollect Col. [Thomas] Hartley, and col. Irwin [sic: William Irvine], also Captain Moore and captain Church of our Brigade. The circumstances of my service is stated in the foregoing declaration.

Question 6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it.

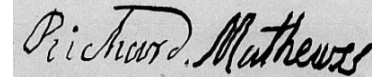
Answer. I did not receive a written discharge. When the captain dismissed the company, I went home, and in about two weeks afterwards, returned to receive my discharge, and make a settlement for my back pay; the officers were all gone on the recruiting service, I was

informed, so that I never saw them afterwards, and by which I lost eight months pay.  
Question 7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. Mr Peter Shuck, John Cox, Luck McGuire, Rev'd Nic's Hedington [Nicholas Headington] & Wm. Machen [William Mahan].

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

Declarant 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.



[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who investigated hundreds of pension applicants in present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth.]

Richard Matthews.

I the undersigned Richard Matthews, in pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of War, give the following as my Re-Declaration of Revolutionary Services, To Wit. I am a native of Cumberland county Pa. was born February 2, 1753, lived in Cumberland county until 1807 then moved west of the Alleghanie [Allegheny] Mountains. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 1776 I enlisted at Marcus Hook on the Delaware under Capt Robinson We (our company) marched from Marcus Hook for Quebeck [sic: Quebec], we got as far as the three Rivers, then met a party of the British soldiers, with whom we had an engagement, in which we were defeated. the army retreated from the 3 Rivers to the camp at Surrell [sic: Sorel] and from there to Ticonderoga Fort. it remained there until the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y. when it started for home We got to Chester on the 19<sup>th</sup> of Febru'y. 1777 and was there discharged on that day – having been in service one year and five days. In this service I belonged to Col. Anthony Waynes Regt. dont know who commanded at the Battle of the 3 Rivers unless it was Col. Wayne. I saw Genl. [John] Sullivan at Chambly on our retreat, and I slept in the Wilderness with Col. Heartly on the night after the Battle of the 3 Rivers. I dont recollect of seeing James Holliday [pension application S7025] of Robert Cummings [Robert Commans, S9259] on this expedition. Capt McLuney wrote my Declaration to whom I detailed the same statement of facts in substance now given. he charged me \$10. In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name. July 7, 1835

Witness/ Moses Congleton

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Note. found this man old and very infirm in body & mind. I understand that his character is good

W.G.S

NOTES:

On 20 May 1833 Richard Mathews was issued a certificate for a pension of \$40 per year for one year of service.

On 4 April 1851 Elizabeth Figley, 54, of Hancock County VA, applied unsuccessfully for a pension as the only surviving child of Martha Mathews, who died on 30 May 1841, the widow of Richard Mathews, who died on 6 March 1836. She stated that her parents were married after her father left the service but before 1794.