

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Matthews R7032

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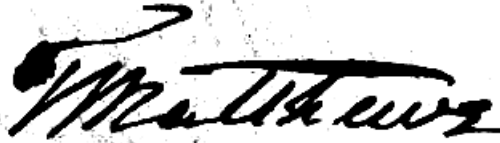
State of Virginia Brunswick County Sct.

On this 22nd day of May 1837 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Matthews the Justice now sitting Thomas Matthews a resident in the said County aged 74 years last December, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In January 1781 he in the County of Charles City where he was born was drafted into the service under Captain Davies Mims of said County that he was next commanded by Captain M. Wilson [?]¹, next by J. Harwooll [?]² & then by Captain Thos. Moccock [probably Thomas Morecock], Major Wm Boyce [? William Boyce?]³ commanded the Battalion & Colonel Dick commanded the Regiment & General Mulenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] & General Lafayette the commander in chief of the Corps, to which he belonged that he remained under the said command until the capitulation on the siege of little York in Virginia that he was in advance [?] party in an engagement at a place called Hot Water in James City County with a party of Tarleton's Cavalry where he received a wound on the left hand the scar of which is now visible that he was present when the Army formed for an engagement at Bottoms Bridge in New Kent County & the enemy retired after making a faint for battle that he marched up the mountain to Albemarle County soon after the battle at Guilford when Cornwallis had come over to Virginia. That he has lost his discharge in the vicipitudes [vicissitudes] of life & the lapse of time & that he has no documentary evidence that he knows no person now living 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 whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ T. Matthews

¹ *M. Wilson*
² *J. Harwooll*
³ *Wm Boyce*



1st Question by the Court

? Where & in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Charles City County on James River on the 30th December 1763

2Q Have you any record of your age & if so where is it:

Answer – I have none but it was registered in the Episcopal Church in Charles City County & in my Father's family Bible but I have not [indecipherable word or words] nor do I do I know where

3Q Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live.

Ans. I was living in Charles City County Virginia when called into service. Afterwards lived there until 1798 I then went over to Edgecombe County North Carolina & lived there 20 years & in 1818 I came to the County of Brunswick I have lived [indecipherable word or words] ever since lived in Brunswick I have been occasionally at my brothers in the County of Nottoway Virginia

Q 6th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. Major Wm Boyce, Colonel Deck [sic, Dick?] Colo. Hardeman, Major Hoffler, The Regiment was commanded by Deck the Brigade by General Muhlenberg & Lafayette the general circumstances are before detailed up to the surrender of little York.

Question 6. Did you receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it. Answer. I did & it was given by Moccock & Harvard [?] to me & I have as before stated [stated] in the lapse of time Vicipitudes of life lost it & have no hope I can find it again.

7Q State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer to the Reverend Thomas Adams & Joshua Featherstone Captain James Fisher Mr. Nat. Mason, Isaam Trotter, Mr. Biggs, Jane Knowerlle [?] [Indecipherable word or words] can testify to my character for veracity & of their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ T. Matthews

[Thomas Adams, a licensed clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Richard Biggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I William B Matthews of the County of Prince George do hereby certify that my brother Thomas Matthews born in Charles City County and now a citizen of the County of Brunswick, was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army and that he served in the Army at least 9 months. As witness my hand this 12th day of August 1837

S/ William B Matthews



This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30th day of April 1785, in the name of Thomas Mathews, as a Soldier of Infantry for £18.3.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Cropper and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
4th day of January 1838.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR