

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Matlo (Mantlo) S15934

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State of Virginia, Hanover County, to wit:

On this 28th day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court before William Brockenbrough Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for the said County of Hanover, now sitting, John Mantlo, a resident in the County of Hanover and State of Virginia aforesaid aged seventy-eight 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 January 7th 1832 [sic June 7th, 1832]

That he entered the service of the State of Virginia as well as he recollects about the last of August or first of September 1775, in a Company enlisted for twelve months, in the first Virginia Regiment – That his Officers were John Fleming Captain, William Lewis first Lieutenant, John Pettus (called Sir John Pettus) 2nd Lieutenant and David Anderson in some. – That the company rendezvoused at Richmond town now the City of Richmond, from whence they marched down to Williamsburg, where they joined the Regiment – That he remembers a Major Epps who was of the Regiment – And that Patrick Henry was commander in chief. – That from Williamsburg they marched down to the Long Bridge, where they arrived the day after the Battle [referred to as the Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775] had been fought at that place. – That from the Long Bridge they marched to Norfolk, where board Dunmore with many of the citizens were on board the British shipping. And provisions being scarce on board the ship in, Dunmore sent a flag on shore, and demanded to be supplied with provisions; which was refused. The demand was repeated, and was again refused. When the demand was again repeated, accompanied with a threat – that if provisions were not furnished by a given time, that he would at that time burned the Town – Provisions were not furnished, and at the appointed time, the shipping was so arranged as to throw a crossfire into the Town, covering Tobacco Warehouses – That after the crossfire began, some of those on board the shipping landed and set fire to the town. And commenced rolling the tobacco out of the Warehouses, with intent to put it on board. But the Virginia Troops rushed through the crossfire, and attacked the tobacco men, several of whom they killed, and drove the balance on board the shipping. – In crossing the fire however, two of the Virginia troops were killed. – That the firing from the shipping on the town, continued all that day, and the following night, by which time a great part of the Town was burnt down. – That the Virginia Troops were at Norfolk about three months, – whence they marched down to a small town called Kemp's landing – That they stayed at Kemp's landing about 2 or 3 months, when they returned to Williamsburg, where they stay till discharged = having performed the twelve months service – And that he received his discharge from William Campbell, who at the time had the command of the Company, as Captain. – And that he delivered his discharge to Judge William Brockenbrough in 1819, to see if he could not get something from the General

Government – But the Judge afterwards told him, that he sent on the discharge to Washington; and that nothing could be obtained.

And he further declares. That he served four tours of duty in the militia. – First, under Captain Zachariah Clarke in 1780; when he marched from the County of Hanover, to York Town, where he served a Tour of duty of about 6 or 8 weeks. – Second, under Captain John Stanley also in 1780; when he again marched from the said County of Hanover down to Williamsburg, where he served about 2 or 3 weeks, when he was discharged, in consequence of his having so lately served the Tour aforesaid under Captain Clarke. – Third, under Captain Jos. Gathright [Joseph Gathwright?] in 1781, when he also went from Hanover, and rendezvoused in Richmond, thence he marched through the Counties of Hanover, Louisa, Orange and Culpeper; and back again, by the point of fork on James River, and down to Richmond. And again – from Richmond, through the Counties of Henrico and New Kent, and to Charles City Courthouse, where they arrived very shortly after the British had attacked a parcel of troops at Charles City Courthouse. And thence back from Charles City Court house, through New Kent, to Malvern Hills in Henrico, on James River. This was a very active two months Tour. And his officers were Captain Gathright aforesaid, Major Hardyman and Colonel Meriwether. The Marquis de la Fayette [Lafayette] being Commander in Chief. – And 4th, under Captain Thomas Richardson, early in 1782, when he marched from Hanover to York Town, where he served a tour of about 5 or 6 weeks, engaged putting cannon and ball on board a French ship.

And he further declares – that he was born as he has understood and believes in the lower part of the said County of Hanover, on the 5th day of February 1754.

That he is in possession of an old family book, in which his age is set down – which book is now exhibited to the court.

That he was living in Hanover Town in the County of Hanover, when he enlisted under Captain Fleming in the first Virginia Regiment as herein before stated. – That he has lived since the Revolutionary War, in the County of Hanover – and that he now lives in the said County of Hanover.

That he was first called into service, in consequence of his enlistment in Captain Fleming's Company, as herein before stated – And that he was regularly drafted into service, in each of the four militia tours, herein before mentioned – And that all of his service aforesaid was as a private.

That he has made such statement of the names of the officers who were with the troops where he served, as occurred to his recollection – The length of time since the service, being so great, that any minute recollection and detail, all not now to be expected.

That he does not remember ever having received a discharge in writing, except from Captain Campbell herein before mentioned – and that he delivered it to Judge Brockenbrough as he has also stated – Since which he has not seen it.

In conclusion he avers– that he served in the War of the Revolution not less than eighteen months. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except Captain Peter Foster, who can testify as to his service – And that he Fords Captain foster's testimony here with marched a, being an affidavit made on the 17th day of September last.

He 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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Matlo

John Mantlo
in the County of Hanover

[Charles Talley, a clergyman, and Parke Sheet gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: On August 28, 1833 in Hanover County Virginia Hezekiah Mantlo testified that his father John Mantlo, a claimant for a pension for his service in the revolution, departed this life April 30 1833.]

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City of Richmond, to wit:

Captain Peter Foster late of the County of Hanover but now residing in the City of Richmond, made oath before me a Magistrate for the said City – That he is now about 74 years of age. That he was acquainted with John Mantlo of the County of Hanover, at the beginning of the Revolutionary War and has known him from that till this time. That they were both raised to be young men in Hanover Town in the said County of Hanover, and that he believes the said Mantlo to be now about 78 years old. That the said John Mantlo enlisted at the commencement of the Revolutionary War in a company commanded by Captain John Fleming in which company he knows that the said John Mantlo marched down on the expedition against Lord Dunmore on which occasion Patrick Henry had the chief command. That he knows that the said Mantlo was from home in this service for a good while, he believes about a year.

Given under my hand this 17th day September 1832

S/ Martin Drewry, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the Virginia service.]