

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Matthias Gayle S16818

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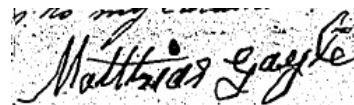
County of Mathews

On this 9th day of June 1834 Personally appeared in Open Court before the Justice of the County of Mathews, now sitting Mathias Gayle a resident of the County of Mathews and State of Virginia aged seventy 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated I entered the service in 1780 [see below] by order of Sir John Payton [sic: Sir John Peyton] Col'n. to Philip Tabb Capt. to enrole me and served a tower of duty at Cricket hill for three months, in the same year called out in like order under Robert Gayle as Capt. to go to Williamsburg to guard the Cappital and marched through King and queen and crossed at west point and went on to Williamsburg after being stationed there for some time we returned home on that tower of duty I served three months, in 1781 I was called out in like order under the same officers to go to point Comfort, and served a tower of duty there for three months, as soon as I was discharged of duty at Point comfort I went to prince George County to go to a trade as soon as I got there the Coln. had me enroled under Thomas Baits [Thomas Bates?] Capt the Coln. name I do not recollect from there we marched to minses ferry [between Petersburg and Jamestown], there we had an engagement with the enemy, and there we were stationed a little while then marched down to west point and crossed and marched down to Ware Church [near Gloucester Courthouse], and when we found all the Gloscester malitia there, and there I joined Capt. Robert Gayle's Company and there we was stationed a little while then Capt. Holder Hudgins wanted some men to volunteer to go up on the linens [lines] I turned out as a volunteer and went up on the lines with him When we got there the enemy had retreated and gone down To York Town then we returned and marched down to Gloscester Town where he had a nother very severe engagement on that tower of duty I served three months, I served all the time as a private and for such service I claim a pension I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

I was born in 1764 in Gloscester County Kingston parish I have no record of my age I was living in Gloscester County Kingston parish when called into service I have lived there ever since I was called in to service as a malitia man I never received no writen discharge I was acquainted with Coln. [John] Boswell, Coln Payton, Coln Cary, Coln Throgmolten [sic: Throckmorton] I can prove my services by Gabril Hughes [sic: Gabriel Hughes, pension application W19836] and John Christen [sic: John Christian S15276] who also can testify to my caracter

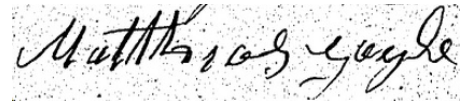
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year afforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthias Gayle". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

The affidavit of Matthias Gayle made in Mathews County to amend the declaration that he made before the Justice of the Court on the 9th of June 1834 in order to obtain the benifit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 the reason of my being called out to do duty at the different times mentioned in orig declaration is as followees. I was called out under Capt. Philip Tabb to do duty at Cricket Hill on the account of the British having possession of Guyns Island [sic: Gwynn Island, 9 Dec 1775 - 11 Jul 1776] to prevent them from coming up in the neighbourhood to plunder. there was a steady guard kept at that place and at point comfort to prevent them from coming to plunder through the county we was frequently called of where we were stationed to go to other places round the shores where they would attempt to land and at them times we would always have to fire on them to drive them off we had no

engagements with them worth speaking a bout. when I was enroled in prince George County It was to go to minses ferry to drive the British away from there. there we had an engagement with them then they went down the river then we crossed and went on down to Glouster Town where we had a nother very severe engagements with them I served as I have stated in my declaration as well as I can recolect.

[17 July 1834]

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NOTE: The file includes a letter dated 17 Dec 1851 inquiring about Matthias Gayle's pension on behalf of his children, not named.