

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Floyd Matthew  
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[p2] Virginia Certificate 16867  
Matthew Floyd of Accomack County  
Private under Captain Savage, Col Thompson, one year  
Issued 10Oct1833 @ \$40/annum

[p4-5] reinstatement of pension to heirs

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At a court held for Accomack County at the court house thereof by and for circuit on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1832.

Matthew Floyd of the county of Accomack this day personally appeared & mad the following declaration on order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832. Viz “State of Virginia, Accomack County to wit, On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the county court, now sitting Matthew Floyd a resident in the said county & parish of St George aged sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his corporal oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he served in the militia of Virginia from about the age of sixteen years till from military duty by reason of his age. That during the war of the Revolution he served in Capt. Richard Savage’s company of militia. That during the war of the Revolution the militia of this county were frequently called out to keep guard & serve in actual service a considerable portion of the time. The companies were divided & a part of them performed duty alternately. That Col Simpson was commander of the militia of this county during part of the war of the revolution, That this deponent was engaged in defending the different points on the sea board of the county and at one time he went to Hog Island & continued there ten months without interruption in constant service. & then was removed to the main land again & still continued to render service in the militia. This deponent states that he was moved from one point to another as occasion required, and that he was in actual service bearing arms in the militia at least two years. The exposed situation of this county required the constant attention of the militia of the county to prevent the enemy from landing to conduct depredation and gain supplies. This deponent asserts without hesitation that he was in actual

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service bearing arms at least one year. This deponent was born in Northampton County Va. in 1763. He has a record of his age at his residence he living in St. George Parish in this county when he entered into service with the exception of a short interval he has lived in the same parish since the time of the revolution & for the last twenty years he has resided in St Parish & lives there now. He never acted as a substitute. John Cropper, Thomas Parker, Levin Joynes were among the officers of the regular army from the county where this deponent served. They were in the 7<sup>th</sup> Va Regt on Continental establishment. John Harmon, Hilary Mears, Houston Kellams, & William Elliston are his neighbors who can testify to his character for veracity and as to his services in the war of the Revolution as a soldier in the Va. Militia. He has never had any discharge from service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity

except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll in any agency in any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Matthew Floyd

{Routine county certification

William R Custis, JP

Levin S Joynes JP

Js J Ailworth, deputy clerk

Thomas R Joynes, clerk

[p15 13July1843 Amendment to the Matthew Floyd deposition adds:

I was then remanded to the main land and called into service in the county of Northampton under the command of Lieutenant Nathaniel Wilkins in the year 1781 who at the time was a recruiting officer for the Va continental line and was stationed under him three months at the fort on Cherystone Creek (now the port of entry for the County of Northampton). I was relieved by another company but continued in service alternately on guard to the end of the year.

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The deposition of Custis Bulla revolutionary soldier aged about 84 years of age being first duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that he was a drummer in the whole of the revolutionary war and was well acquainted with the Rev<sup>d</sup> Matthew Floyd who was a soldier in said war. That said Floyd served ten months on Hog Island on guard under the command of Capt. Savage (I think in the year 1780 and 81. That said Floyd was then transferred to Northampton County under the command of Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilkins where he served several months on guard and was stationed there at the battle of York Town.

This deponent further adds that in consequence of all the other drummers having marched to the north he was the only one that remained at home and that he served as drummer for the county of Accomack and thereby became acquainted with nearly all the soldiers in said county, among which was Mr. Floyd with whom he was intimately acquainted the whole war. Given under my hand this 2 day Nov. 1844.

Custis Bull x his mark

[routine county certification by Jno T Joynes JP]

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The affidavit of Mathew Floyd a revolutionary soldier this day personally appeared before me Edward O Finney a justice of the peace for the county of Accomack who being first duly sworn deposeth and sayeth (for the purpose of explaining a former affidavit). He begs leave to state that during the year 1779 & 1780 it was deemed necessary by Col. Simpson (who was then Col. Of the county) to place a small but constant guard on Hog Island (owing to its exposed situation & the facilities it afforded the British in obtaining supplies of beef, pork, sheep, &c which they were frequently in the habit of obtaining to the great annoyance of the inhabitants, as that island and adjacent islands were well stocked with different kinds/

Under the circumstances a guard under the command of Capt. Richard Savage was ordered on said island and during the above mentioned years he served the ten months named in his former affidavit. During the ensuing year he performed the 3 months service on guard at Cherrystone spoken of in said affidavit at which place he was stationed at the time of the siege of Yorktown in full view of the French fleet when they came in the Chesapeake Bay and anchored off York Spit where Capt. Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilkins (who was then ur officer) five others and myself went on board

of the French ship *Jessemine* [?] at which time the battle at York Town was going on. When we could distinctly hear the cannon and see the smoke. And old as he now is well recollects his feelings which would be quite unnecessary here to relate. He further states that he believes all both men and officers who

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Served with him are all dead and that he knows of no person now living by which he can prove his services which precludes him from proving by what authority he acted as you require in your letter.

You further require he should show that these services were paid for by governments. In answer he states that neither him nor any other militia soldier were ever paid the first cent as far as he knows or believes and that he knows of no records where said expenses were recorded.

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1843

Matthew Floyd

[routine county certification

Edwd O Finney JP

Hillary Means, witness

Js J Ailworth, deputy

Thos R Joynes, clerk

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[A letter of appeal points to the precedent of pensions of Bowdoin Snead and Robert Chase whose service was similar to that of Matthew Floyd.]

[the file contains a number of other correspondence appealing the suspension of pension payments to Matthew Floyd.]

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<http://revwarapps.org/w6910.pdf> Chase