

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Matthews S2745

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State of Tennessee Warren County: On this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Samuel Derby, William McGregor and John C. Rust [text written over and illegible] presiding Justices of the Warren County Court now sitting William Mathews about 79 [?] years of age a resident of the County of Warren in State of Tennessee who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the fall of the year 1775 as well as he now recollects he volunteered into the service of the United States for the term of twelve months, that he entered into a company commanded by Captain William Tolliver or Talifario [William Taliaferro?] he entered the service in Caroline County State of Virginia, the Lieutenant of the company was John Willis. The Ensign was as he thinks Benjamin Holmes he was attached to Regiment commanded by Colonel Woodford [William Woodford] & Major Spottwood [probably Alexander Spotswood], from Caroline County Virginia he marched to Williamsburg State of Virginia from there he was marched to the Long Bridge in Virginia there they fought a battle [December 9, 1775] with the British under Major or Colonel Fordice [Charles Fordyce], there he was stationed through the winter. In the spring they were marched up & down James & York rivers about Norfolk & Suffolk watching the movements of the British and their ships he was then marched to Williamsburg in Virginia and his time of service having expired he was then discharged by a written discharge from Colonel Woodford.

This applicant further states that sometime in the winter of 1776 he again entered into service of the United States in Caroline County State of Virginia he volunteered or enlisted for the term of 3 years he entered into a company commanded by Captain Thomas Mariawether [Thomas Meriwether], the Lieutenant was by the name of Shield the second Lieutenant was by the name of James Monawether [James Meriwether] after he enlisted or volunteered he was marched by his Captain to Williamsburg Virginia and was attached to the first State Regiment in the Virginia line (it was the first as he thinks may be mistaken) which Regiment was commanded by Colonel George Gibson, the Lieutenant Colonel was by the name of Brunt, there they took up winter quarters and the next spring were marched into the State of Pennsylvania and joined the Army commanded by Washington in that State, they then were marched and counter marched through Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware & New York, the second winter of this service he wintered at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. When the British left Philadelphia, General Washington sent General Lee with a detachment of the Army in pursuit of them to engaged them if possible in a battle and Washington went on for the same purpose immediately after Lee they engaged in Battle with the British at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] under the command of Clinton, Lee with about 5000 men commenced the battle, Lee after he commenced the battle retreated and

was pursued by the British Washington was moving on to support Lee met him rallied the soldiers rear attacked the British and defeated them. Generals Green [Nathanael Greene], Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and Morgan [Daniel Morgan] were engaged in this Battle, from there he was marched about until he at length was marched to Frederick Town State of Maryland his three years service then being out he was discharged in writing by Colonel Gibson. This ended his military service he has long since lost his discharges he has no documentary evidence of his service. He knows of no living witnesses by whom he can prove his service. To the question when and in what year were you born he says he thinks he was born in the year 1753 and in Spotsylvania County Virginia State, he has no record of his age, he was living in Caroline County Virginia when called into service. After the revolution he moved into Granville County North Carolina he lived in North Carolina about 12 years, he then moved to Madison County State of Kentucky where he lived 2 or 3 years from there he moved to Warren County State of Tennessee where he now lives. He always volunteered into the service as to the regular officers militia and Continental regiments and as to his discharges he can say nothing more than is stated in the body of his declaration. He is acquainted with Oberman [?] Sullivan a clergyman and Robert Kirby and divers others who live in the same neighborhood with him and that they will testify as to his character for veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier in the revolution.

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.

S/ William Mathews, X his mark

[Clement [?] Sullivan, a clergyman, and Robert Kirby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]