

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hardy Matthews S2746

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Court

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court Hardy Matthews a resident of said County and State aged about seventy-three years who being 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 sometime in the year 1779 being drafted in a Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Nathan King [Nathaniel King] of Cumberland County our Company was attached to Col. Johnston's [Jonas Johnston's] Regiment to which Major Richardson was attached we marched from Cumberland County out to South Carolina where we joined the Continental troops under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was engaged in pursuit of the British Army until we came up with them at Stono¹ where a Battle was fought between our troops & the British [I] was not in the battle being out on fatigue at the time immediately after the Battle my term of service expired I received a discharge from Capt. King served this tour for months. I again entered the service as a volunteer in a light horse company commanded by Capt. Hadley [Joshua Hadley] the terms on which the Light Horse was raised was if a man found his own horse & served two months it was to be considered as equal to three months service of a foot man. I found my own horse & served the two months out & was regularly discharged after this I again volunteered under Capt. Hadley for three months but finding my own horse I was only required to serve as before two months during these two terms of service we were engaged scouring the Country around Cross Creek in breaking up the Tories. After the expiration of the first tour I received a discharge from Capt. Hadley but before my second tour expired Capt. Hadley was killed by the Tories -- during this two last mentioned terms of service we never left the State. I again entered the service for three months in Capt. Robert High's Company of Militia as a substitute in the room of one Frederick Holden during this service I was marched towards the Town of Wilmington & was stationed near the Big bridge near Wilmington after remaining there something upwards of a month news reached us of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] when our troops were disbanded & we returned home. I also served another tour in the light horse under Capt. Hadley previous to my entering the service under Capt. High this was two months service but in consideration of my finding my own horse it was to be taken as three months service as before

¹ June 20, 1779. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790620.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

explained during the three tours of service in the Light horse under Capt. Hadley we were attached to the command of Col. Thomas Armstrong late of this County.

The following answers were then made to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department

I was born in the County of Nash North Carolina 7th day of April 1759.

I have no record of my age it being burnt in my house many years ago.

I was living in the County of Cumberland, when I entered the service & with the exception of nearly two years I have lived there ever since & still reside there.

The first tour I was drafted, the three next I was a volunteer under Capt. Hadley & the last I was a substitute in Capt. High's company.

I received two discharges from Capt. Hadley but owing to his death I did not receive the 3rd, I received one from Capt. King & one from Capt. Robert High. I have lost all my discharges on their being destroyed in my house by fire.

In addition to those already named I recollect the names of General Williamson & Butler [John Butler] also a Major Lowry during my tour under Capt. King -- during my service under Capt. High I was under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Col. Mebane [Robert Mebane] & Major White.

I would refer to Richard Huckabee & Alex McLeod Esquires, I could refer to others if necessary.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ D. McDiarmid, Clk

S/ Hardy Matthews, H his mark

[Richard Huckabee & Alex McLeod gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia for 13 months in both the infantry & cavalry.]