

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Matthews ¹ S31842

f38NC[sic, GA]

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State of Georgia __ County: On this 6th day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Inferior Court of said County, now sitting, William Matthews a resident of Jackson County and State aforesaid, aged 70 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:

He enlisted in Lincoln County North Carolina at the age of 14 years under Capt. James Pettigrew, John Long first Lieut., -- attached to the Battalion of Col. Samuel Jack -- he enlisted for two years especially for service in the State of Georgia -- He was marched from North Carolina to Georgia, Wilkes County -- was stationed on Little River for some time as a guard for the frontiers against the Indians & Tories -- During his stay at Little River station he was in no skirmishes with the Indians or Tories -- After remaining some time at the above mentioned Station, the Regiment was placed under Gov. Houston [John Houston also spelled John Houstoun], & marched to Florida² in order to suppress the British & Indians & Tories in that quarter who were in the habit of making incursions upon the settlements of Georgia -- this expedition is commonly known by the name of the "Florida Expedition" -- The Troops remained below the Florida line about one month -- the Division to which he was attached never had any fighting or skirmishing. -- There were was some skirmishing amongst some detached parties of Cavalry but he never was in any of it -- He thinks he was gone four months on the Florida Expedition or thereabouts -- Immediately after his return from Florida & after serving but one of the two years for which he enlisted he was discharged -- His discharge was signed by Col. Samuel Jack -- it has long since been lost or destroyed -- He enlisted in the year 1777 and was discharged in 1778 --

He afterwards, in 1779 volunteered his services in the same County of Lincoln North Carolina as a substitute in Capt. Clark's [William Clark's] company & Col. Charles McDowell's Regiment for three months -- the Regiment joined General Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army below Augusta on the South Carolina side of the River, and marched for Charleston, -- met the British at Stono [Stono ferry, June 20, 1779]³ & fought the battle of that name -- The applicant was not in the battle, but was stationed three or four miles below Stono to prevent intercourse

¹ BLWt30911-160-55

² <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution12.html>

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

between the Army & shipping of the British. His term of service was out shortly after the battle & he was discharged -- but received no written discharge -- In the December following this discharge, he volunteered as a substitute in Capt. Mooney's [Jacob Mooney's] Company & Col. Hamright's [Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Hambright's] Regiment in the County of Lincoln North Carolina for three months, was marched immediately to Charleston to defend the city -- was in no action skirmish or encounter during the tour, & was discharged in the Spring but a few days before the British forces enclosed the City [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]⁴ --

Again about the latter part of the year 1780 or first of 1781 he again substituted for three months & joined General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army near Camden after Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] -- after remaining two months with him, General Greene discharged us in consequence of his inability to furnish of us with arms -- He received no written discharge -- He after this volunteered several times to scout for the Tories in Lincoln County North Carolina but performed no regular tour of service --

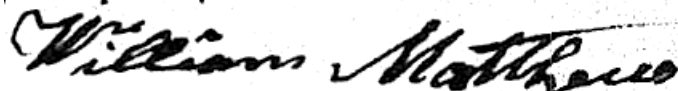
He was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia on the 10th April 1763 -- Has no record of his age -- Was living in Lincoln County North Carolina when called into service -- Since the revolution he lived a few years in Pendleton & Edgefield South Carolina and for the last 33 years in Jackson County Georgia -- He names as persons residing in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution John Cash, John King, Russell Jones, Henry Swan, William Langford -- Joseph Maddox

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/ Joseph Hampton, JIC

S/ William Matthews

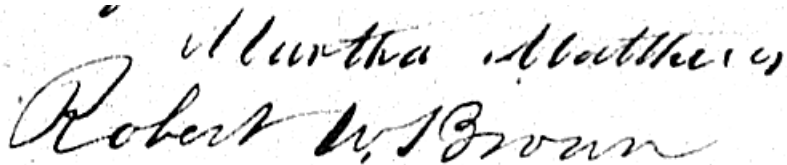


S/ David Witt, JIC

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[John Harrison, a clergyman, and John Cash gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: on April 6th, 1855 in Jackson County Georgia, William Matthews, aged 91, filed an application for his bounty land entitlement. His execution of this application was witnessed by Martha Matthews and Robert W Brown. The relationship, if any, of Martha Matthews to the veteran is not stated.



. The execution was attested by John M Matthews, JP whose relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.

⁴ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

John M. Matthews, Jr

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 20 months in the Georgia and North Carolina militia.]