

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Mathew Cummins S35870

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[The following is so faded that it is scarcely legible. Certified in Mercer County KY, 13 Nov 1818]
I Mathew Cummins do hereby state on oath that on the 15th day of July 1780 I enlisted with Capt Thomas Overton of the 2^d Virginia Regiment of the continental line in the revolutionary war commanded by Col Sam'l Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes] and was afterwards transfer'd into Capt John Denham's [Archibald Denham's?] company of the 1st Virginia Regt commanded by Col Rh. Campbell [Richard Campbell] & then march'd to the South to the aid of Genl. [Nathanael] Greene as a regular soldier the place where I enlisted was at Charlotte courthouse, in the state of Virginia. I was in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and was again transferd to Capt Sansoms [probably Philip Sansum's] company of the said 1st virginia Reg't & was march'd to the battle of the Eutaw Springs under Brigadier Genl [Isaac] Huger and was there taken prisoner on the 8th day of Sepr 1781 having originally entered for eighteen months & having served faithfully as a regular soldier [illegible word] I was detain'd a prisoner in a Prison Ship at Charleston until the 3^d day of November 1782; my Colar bone was broke at the Battle of the Eutaw & my Col was killed at the same place, and after my release I return'd home having been badly treated while a prisoner;

During the late war I had six sons out under Harrison & Jackson at once & I never for my services during the revolutionary war receiv'd a cent of pay. I further state that I am now old & unable to labor hard for my support & reduced in my circumstances so that I stand in need of assistance from my country for support. I hereby relinquish all further Claim I may have for a pension –

I can further state that I was in the battle of Brandywine in the year 1777 [11 Sep] as a Militiaman under Capt [illegible] Allen[?] of Col. Dunlaps[?] Regt. [signed] Matthew Cummins

[William Alexander (pension application S36398) certified Cummins's service in the 1st Regiment.]

State of Kentucky Franklin Circuit Sct October Term 1820

On yesterday the 16th day of October One thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said circuit and held in the County of Franklin Matthew Cummings Sen'r. resident in the said County of Franklin within the said Circuit who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare. That in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he enlisted in Captain William Corvans[?] Company, in Col. Thomas Clarks Regiment, and went to Amboy in Jersey in seventeen hundred and seventy seven I was transfered to Captain Askins Company in Col Dunlaps Regiment; at Brandywine battle July 15th seventeen hundred and eighty I Matthew Cummings Sen'r. enlisted in Captain Overton's Company in the second Regiment of Virginia troops commanded by Col. Samuel Hawes, and was transfered to Captain Denams Company in the first Regiment commanded by Col. Dick Caswell [Gen. Richard Caswell of NC?], and marched to South Carolina [sic] to Gilford battle, and after that battle marched to the Eutaw battle, and was taken prisoner, and ten of our men, and Col William Washington, and my Col was killed on the 8th day of September seventeen hundred and eighty one, and was prisoner fourteen months on board a prison Ship, called the Esk and got my right shoulder broke by a Grenadier; and out of Eleven sons I had six at one time under Harrison and Jackson in the last War. Matthew Cummings

And I Matthew Cummings a pensioner of the United States, at this time seventy years of age and of no trade (except that of a farmer) being frail in body, do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged

in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I also state that my Wife is 66 years of age, and all my children have left me, and what work I want done on the plantation I have to hire, and I consider myself unable at this time to endure hard labour so help me God.

Matthew Cummings

A Schedule of the whole Estate and income of Matthew Cummings a pensioner of the United States under the act of Congress of March 18th 1818 as per certificate of Secretary of War bearing date Feb 3^d 1819 No. 6428.

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| 101 Acres of poor broken & stoney land of a 3 ^d rate quality | \$333.33 $\frac{1}{3}$ |
| One Ball faced Horse twenty years old | 10.00 |
| One Grey & Roan Horse \$30. Two Milk Cows and Three y. g. Cattle | 64.00 |
| Six head of Sheep \$6. One kettle, one pot and Oven without a Lid \$7. | 13.00 |
| One half dozen old chairs $\frac{1}{2}$ knives & forks and spoons | <u>4.00</u> |
| | Dollars 424.33 $\frac{1}{3}$ |

County of Franklin and State of Kentucky

On this day I visited Mathew Cummins at his own house resident in said County aged seventy three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Mathew Cummins enlisted for the term of during the war on the fifteenth day of July in the year 1780 in the State of Virginia, in the Company Commanded by Capt Overton, in the Regiment commanded by Richard Campbell in the line of the State of Virginia on the 2nd Virginia Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps untill the Battle of the Eutaws when he was taken prisoner by the British and remained in confinement fourteen months and never received his pay, that his name has been place on the pension list, and drop'd therefrom on account of property. tho he is now old and helpless unable to work and all his children left him on a poor piece of land, that he is not able to work, he has a wife old and infirm, and cannot support himself without the assistance of his Country [Oath similar to the above follows.] A Schedule of the whole estate of Mathew Cummins at this time. Seventy acres of land por and stony

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| one Cow | value |
| I am by occupation a weaver | \$150. |
| my family consists of my wife one | |
| daughter myself and orphan child | |

[signed] Mathew Cummins

That since the exibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property My daughter a widow has got thirty two acres of my land for which I received about thirty dollars worth of trade to live on, my old bald horse sold to my son for firewood and rails, my two cows killd for meat

State of Kentucky

Franklin County Sct

I James McBrayer a Justice of the peace and member of the County Court holden for the County aforesaid where the declarant resides, do hereby certify that the above nam'd Mathew Cummins is from a fall and wound in his side in his old and debilitated situation, in which state of body as I credibly inform'd he has been for near six weeks unable to attend the next Court and I do not think from his present appearance he will be able to attend either the Court holden in this month or the subsequent Court

I have therefore in pursuance of the act of Congress of the first of March 1823 attended at his place of abode and administered the foregoing Oath

Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of November 1823

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that six of nine children of Mathew Cummings received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 8 Aug 1833.