

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Mattingly S36055 Elizabeth Mattingly VA
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District of Columbia, SS.

On this 16th day of June 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said district, personally appears James Mattingly aged 55 years, resident in Alexandria County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:” That he the said James Mattingly enlisted in Alexandria then in the state of Virginia Sept’r. 2^d. 1780 in the company commanded by Captain John Hawkins [VAS1442] of the 3^d Virginia Regiment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the spring of the year 1783, when he was discharged from service at the barracks near Winchester in the state of Virginia, but has lost his discharge, that he was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse [NC, 15 Mar 1781], and in some skirmishes near Richmond and below Petersburg [sic: Petersburg VA] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except the deposition hereto annex’d

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

W. Cranch

District of Columbia towit

On the 16th of June 1816 [sic] came before me John Pipsico [S36230] and made oath in due form of law that he knows that the said James Mattingly was in the service of the United states as a soldier in the s’d Virginia Regiment, in the years 1780 and 1781, and that he was in the battle of Guilford court house.
Sworn before me W. Cranch

Virginia

Fairfax County Sct

On this twenty first day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County aforesaid James Mattingly aged sixty years resident in Fairfax County who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: in the third Virginia regiment and in the Company of Captain Culperson [probably Culbertson] that he enlisted under Captain John Hawkins that he belonged to the Virginia line. the date of his original declaration the 16 of June 1818 the number of the Certificate five thousand two hundred and six, and I 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, Two old horses four head of cattle an old desk of very little value a Cupboard, six split bottom chairs, a few spoons, six knives and forks, a pot an oven, a couple of ploughs, one table, James Mattingly is a farmer by occupation and utterly unable to follow his business to advantage by reason of old age and bodily infirmity he has a wife Elizabeth who is near his age about 58 or 9 two daughters Nancy about thirty four, Massie about 18 and a son Lewis about twenty eight, his son altogether or chiefly employed for himself and not for me; the daughters also work for themselves.
James Mattingly

[Although the following two documents were signed by different justices of the peace in different counties, they are in the same handwriting. I could not identify captains Allison or Campbell in the stated regiments. See also the final endnote.]

District of Columbia, County of Washington Ss.

Thomas Mattingly being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, by me, one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, depose and saith that he lives in the District of Columbia near Georgetown, That his elder brother, James Mattingly of Virginia, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, in the Army of the United States. That he (said James) enlisted in seventeen hundred & seventy nine at Alexandria, then in the State of Virginia, now in the District of Columbia, under Captain Allison of the Third Regiment of the Virginia line; that, besides other places, he fought under Captain Campbell in the Third Company of the second Regiment, in North Carolina, at Guilford Court House, that he returned home a few days before the public and final proclamation or announcement of the Peace; and, as he declared, by permission of his commanding officers. That his father told him he ought to have gotten his regular discharge but he the said James said that, the active operations of the Army being at an end, he was anxious to come home to see his family; that the said James was about to return in a few days time to the Army for his regular and formal discharge which the office told him when he left the Army, that he might then have in case of such return and application were prevented by the discharge and breaking up of the Army

This deponent further saith that his said brother James married in seventeen hundred and eighty five.

The above is true according to the best of deponents knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before me this 28th day of November 1843. Robt. White J. Peace

State of Virginia, County of Pittsylvania Ss

On the 29 day of november 1843, before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid personally appeared Henry Moore, who made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army of the United States; that he well knew James Mattingly of the said State; that the said James also served as a soldier in the Revolutionary Army of the United States; that said James enlisted in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine under Captain Allison of Alexandria in said state; that he said James served under Captain Campbell in the Third Company of the Second Regiment of the Virginia line in North Carolina; that said James fought in the battle of Guilford Court House, and in different other engagement; that said James returned home in seventeen hundred and eighty three after the services of the army were ended.

[signed] William Ridgley

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Mattingby, James. The file contains a power of attorney signed by James Mattingly with his X on 7 March 1834.]

State of Virginia }

Fairfax County } Personally appeared James Mattingly a Revolutionary Soldier, before me Robert Ratcliffe a justice of the Peace in and for said County, and made oath in due form of Law that he enlisted in the continental Service on the 2nd day of September on thousand seven hundred and eighty, in Captain Culpersons company of foot in the third Virginia Regiment, and that he continued in Service until the end of the War, and was honourably discharged, which discharge has been lost or mislaid and does further testify that he never received or ever had located for him the Land bounty promised him on the part of the State of Virginia, as stipulated by the act of the General assembly of Virginia passed october 1780 therein stipulating three Hundred Acres of Land also the pay of sixty pounds in gold or silver at its passing[?] value, giving by the act of the General assembly aforesaid for his services during the Revolutionary War. Given under my hand this 7th day of March 1834 Robert Ratcliffe JP

Petition for bounty land.

James Mastngby Sold. C. L.

The declaration on oath of James Martingby is the only evidence, which is filed with the petition. That declaration states that he enlisted Sept'r 2nd 1780, in the 3rd Va Reg't, and that he served to the end of the war. He claims 300 acres of land, according to the act of Oct. or Nov'r 1780.

Respectfully submitted/ John H. Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency Gov'r Tazewell

May 15th 1834

1834 Aug 1 Rejected

NOTE:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: James Mattonly/ age 17/ height 5 9³/₄/ farmer/ born and residing in Fairfax County/ dark-brown hair/ hazel eyes/ dark complexion.

On 4 Sep 1820 Mattingly applied to have his pension transferred from the District of Columbia to Fairfax County, where he had lately moved, and he stated that he had served under Capt. Culbertson and Col. William Campbell. The file also contains another application dated 13 Mar 1841 to transfer the pension to Washington, DC, because it was closer than Richmond to "his residence in Fairfax County and the home of his children being Georgetown DC." He stated that he had served under Capt. William Culbertson and Col. William Campbell.

The file contains an unsigned, undated note that reads as follows: "Presly Gammon, it is alleged by Mr. Robinson, sent this Paper to her. It is a forgery" There is also a statement that the last pension payment to James Mattingly was on 4 September 1840. The next scheduled payment would have been 4 March 1841.