

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Mathias S40119

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District of Pennsylvania City & County of Pennsylvania: Sct.

Be it remembered that on this 14th day of September A.D. 1818 before me the Subscriber Thomas Armstrong Esq. one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia came James Mathias, aged about Sixty Eight years & upwards, who being by me 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War." That he the said James Mathias enlisted in Baltimore in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Capt. Nathaniel Smith on or about the 3rd day of January A.D. 1776 in the provincial troop & continued in said service under Col. Samuel Smith for two years & three months until about the 3rd of April A.D. 1778 when he was discharged at Baltimore. That this deponent afterwards on or about the 5th day of April A.D. 1779 regularly enlisted in the service of the United States in the Continental establishment in the Maryland Line at Baltimore in the State of Maryland for three years unless sooner discharged by Congress, in the Company commanded by Capt. Edward Oldham in the 4th Maryland Regiment of Infantry under Col. Howard [John Eager Howard] (afterwards Gov. of Maryland) that the said James Mathias, honorable [sic] served, during the whole period of the said three years until on or about the 3rd day of April A.D. 1781 that at or near Guilford in North Carolina he was regularly discharge from said service on the 3rd of April A.D. 1781, that his discharge was signed by Col. Williams [Otho Holland Williams], – that he served for three years at one period in the Continental Service in the war of the revolution in the Maryland Line – that he has lost his discharge & has no evidence in his power except what is hereto annexed. That he was actually engaged in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] (New Jersey), at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], – at the Battle of the "Cowpens" [January 17, 1781] under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] (North Carolina) – That he hereby releases & relinquishes to the United States & and every claim & demand whatsoever which he has or may have been entitled to for pension money or other Claims & that he is a Native Citizen of the United States & a resident of Delaware County Pennsylvania & by reason of his extreme poverty is in reduced Circumstances in life & stands in need of assistance from his Country for support, being infirm, unable to work & has no property the state or effects whatever except his clothes he has on! – & Prays to be placed on the pension roll at Philadelphia.

Sworn Subscribed & acknowledged before me this 14th day of September A.D. 1818

S/ Thomas Armstrong, Judge

S/ James Mathias, X his mark

[p 5: James Donahoe gave a supporting affidavit in which he states he knows that the veteran served as he states in his declaration and that the veteran is in reduced circumstances and needs the support of his country. Donahoe signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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Auditor's Office, Annapolis, May 5th 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the payrolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that James Mathias private received from John Hamilton, agent of the Maryland line, the sum of \$20.60 for arrears of pay from the 1st August 1780 to the 1st of January 1782 – Also, the sum of \$__ for pay from the __ to the __ and also the sum of \$ __ from the __ to the __ when his time expired.
Discharge 3rd April 1781

S/ Thos. Karney, Aud. State Md.

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State of Maryland, Baltimore County SS

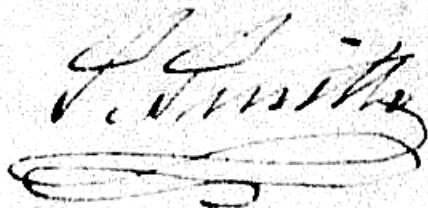
On this 29th day of September in the year of our Lord 1819 personally appeared before me the undersigned Chief Judge of Baltimore City Court James Mathias of said City, aged sixty-nine years and upwards, who deposeth on oath by me administered That he enlisted at Baltimore aforesaid under Capt. Lansdale, then commanding a recruiting party on or about the 3rd April 1778, joined and mustered in Capt. Edward Oldham's Company of the 4th Regiment commanded by Col. Jonas C Hall then at Wilmington and in General Smallwood's [William Smallwood's] Division in the Maryland line – that he continued in the same and marched in said Line to South Carolina and was discharged at Deep River in North Carolina on or about the 3rd day of April 1781, having served three years in the Line (the period for which he was enlisted in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment): That he was in the battle of Stony Point on the North River then under Capt. Henry Dobson to whose company he was drafted was also under his own Capt. Oldham at the battles of Monmouth in the Jerseys, Cowpens in South Carolina and Guilford Court House in North Carolina. That after having served out his time and obtained his discharge he joined Capt. Landsdale at the siege of York as a volunteer and went into the Fort or Battery commanded by Col. Lamb at the mouth of York River. That having been in the State of Pennsylvania in September 1818 he this deponent was advised to make application from there and went before Judge Armstrong of Philadelphia who took and certified his declaration as an applicant for a pension under 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 hath since been at Philadelphia but could get no information as to the present residence of the person Mr. Bigelow who was his agent on the occasion Neither was he able to obtain any information relative to his application. And being now a resident of the City of Baltimore he respectfully renews his application for a pension being in extreme reduced Circumstances greatly needs the assistance of his Country for support. That in addition to the testimony of James Donahoe in petitioners former declaration he now offers the deposition of Joseph Fisher of the City of Baltimore & also a certificate from the Hon. General Samuel Smith which he prays may be accepted & that his pension may be allowed from the date of Judge Armstrong signature and made payable at the Maryland agency Baltimore

S/ James Matthias, X his mark

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Baltimore 24th of September 1819. I do hereby Certify that James Matthias about 70 years of age was to my knowledge a Soldier of in the 4th Maryland Regiment during the War of the Revolution, that he served for three years faithfully and honestly and is fully entitled to a pension under the late Act of Congress, he belonged to the company commanded by Capt. Edward Oldham, his present residence is at Barnbury House [??]¹ State of Delaware*

S/ S. Smith



Late Lieut. Colonel
4th Maryland Regiment

The following note added by request of Petitioner viz.

* The late temporary residence of applicant was in Delaware but having neither family or property has no settled residence, therefore has returned to his native place to spend the remainder of his days not being able to gain a livelihood by labor as heretofore.

S/ T. Bailey

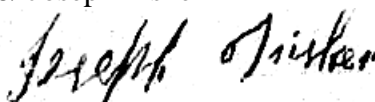
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State of Maryland Baltimore County SS:

On this 24th day of September 1819 personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in and for said County Joseph Fisher of the City of Baltimore & State aforesaid Carpenter, a man to me well known as a respectable citizen & credible witness who being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith that he served as a private in Capt. Edward Oldham's company 4th Maryland Regiment from 1777 to 1780 – J C Hall commander, that he well remembers James Mathias now present to have been a regularly enlisted soldier in said company on the Continental establishment during the Revolutionary War – and that he is well assured said J. Mathias continued in the service during the time the said Fisher continued therein, and that he is well satisfied he left him in the service when he was discharged and further saith not. Subscribed and sworn to before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in & for Baltimore County this 24 September 1819

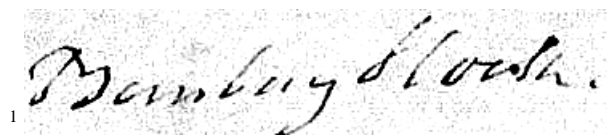
S/ Tho. Bailey

S/ Joseph Fisher²



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The deposition of John Eager Howard of the City of Baltimore who being sworn



¹
² FPA S34848 [not eligible for listing in this database because he did not serve in the "Southern Campaigns."]

deposeth & saith that he was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Maryland line in the War of the Revolution and that upon seeing James Mathias who is an applicant for a pension under the late Act of Congress he is well satisfied that the said Mathias was a soldier in the Maryland line but after a lapse of near forty years he cannot recollect in what Regiment he served. From conversation with the said Mathias who has mentioned so many circumstances with which the deponent was well acquainted and which could not be known by any person who was not present at the times & places referred to, he is fully convinced that the said Mathias was in the Actions at stony point, at the Cowpens and at Guilford Court House and further that all the facts as stated in his deposition are true.

S/ John E. Howard



[Attested October 7, 1819]

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District Court of the United States in and for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania SS

On the 11th day of August 1820 personally appeared in District Court of the United States for the District aforesaid (the said Court being a Court of Record having a Clerk, a Seal and keeping a record of its proceedings) James Mathias, aged Sixty-nine years, residing formerly in the County of Delaware but now in Philadelphia, who being first duly sworn in Open Court according to Law on his oath declares that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz.

In the 4th Maryland Regiment & company commanded by Capt. Edward Oldham – Date of Original Declaration 4th of September 1818, Number of Pension Certificate (10.400), and I the said James Mathias do further 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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” 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

Sworn to and declared in open Court on the 11th day of August 1820

S/ D. Caldwell, Clerk District Court

S/ James Mathias, X his mark

Schedule of the Property of James Mathias

I have no property of any description, am a day laborer by occupation – and unable to labor having my ankles & wrist out of place, I have no children and am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to Support myself without the assistance of my Country.

S/ James Mathias, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 4, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Maryland Continental line.]