

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gilbert Matthews (Mathis) ¹ S41803

Eliza King² f22NC

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District of North Carolina: SS


On this 18th day of January 1820, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the district aforesaid, personally appeared Gilbert Matthews, aged Seventy Six years, resident in New Hanover 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Gilbert Matthews enlisted in April 1776 in Halifax County & State of North Carolina as a soldier in the Troop of Horse or Light Dragoons (being the second Troop) commanded by Capt. Martin Phifer, of the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment, for two years & an half; that he continued to serve in said troop until the end of his said enlistment, which was in October 1778, when he was discharged from service at Fort Pitt in the State of Pennsylvania; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] (where he was badly wounded) & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] -- and was in a skirmish at Rocky Ford on the Schuylkill, where he was wounded by a bayonet of the enemy; That he afterwards enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. Quinn [Michael Quinn] of the 10th Regiment of foot as well as he now recollects in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment, in the year 1779, & as well as he remembers, in or about the month of June for two years; that he continued to serve in the said Company until the end of his said enlistment, which was in or about June 1781, when he was discharged from the service in the Town of Halifax, State of North Carolina; that he has lost both of his said discharges; that he was, during the latter service, in the battles of Savannah,³ Sullivan's Island, [indecipherable word, looks like "Lanpereel"]⁴ & the siege of Charleston;⁵ and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year first above written.

¹ BLReg31376-1855

² Former widow

³ Battle of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

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⁵ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

S/ H. Potter, JDUSNC

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 18th of January 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War that Gilbert Matthews a private in Quinn's Company of the 10th Regiment⁶ was mustered on the 6th of June 1779 for 20 months – The length of time he served is not mentioned, neither is any remark opposite his name.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

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I Samuel Ashe Major Commandant of a squadron of light Dragoons of the North Carolina line in the Continental Establishment, in the revolutionary War do certify that Gilbert Matthews enlisted as a common Trooper in the 2nd Troop of light Horse commanded by Capt. Martin Phifer sometime in the month of April in the year of 1776 for the term of two years & six months and faithfully served that period and was discharged by me at Fort Pitt on the Ohio in November 1778.

S/ Saml Ashe Major
Commandant NCLD

We hereby certify that we know Major Samuel Ashe as Officer in the North Carolina line of Continental establishment in the War of the Revolution.

S/ Saml Ashe
Lieut. No. C. In.
S/ Thos. Callender,
Capt. NC Line

State of North Carolina New Hanover County: County Court February term 1819

I do certify that the within affidavit was sworn to in Open Court at the above Term.

Witness S/ Thomas F. Davis, Clerk of the said Given at office under the seal of the said County this 12th day of February A.D. 1819

S/ Thos. F. Davis, Clk

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State of North Carolina New Hanover County

On this 16th of [illegible, may be Jany] A.D. 1861 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in said County I. W. King Resident of the aforesaid County who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is well acquainted with Mrs. Eliza King said declarant & he was well acquainted with Gilbert Mathis Deceased & he has examined his family Bible printed in the year 1814 & believes the said record to be correct & the following is a correct copy of Mr. Mathis & Mrs. Mathis marriage & the death of said Mathis & the births of their children

⁶ J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the NC Light Dragoons and later in the 3rd NC Regiment. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_m.html and search for "Matthews, Gilbert."

also her marriage with Joseph King & his death & the births of their children &c—
Gilbert Mathis & Eliza Strouse was married on the 15th of July A.D. 1816
Martha Mathis Daughter of Gilbert Mathis & Eliza his wife was born May the 12th A.D. 1817
Martha Rosana Mathis Daughter of Gilbert Mathis & Eliza his wife was born [same illegible
word as in the first line of this affidavit which I think might be "Jany"] the 2nd A.D. 1820
Gilbert Mathis departed this life April 8th 1822
Joseph King & Eliza Mathis was joined together in the Holy State matrimony administered by
Esq. John Bunting [?] In the year of our Lord 1824 September the 3rd day
William T. King son of Joseph King & Eliza his wife was [born] December the 30th 1830
John E. King son of Joseph King & Eliza his wife was born October 24th 1834
Joseph King Deceased December 3rd 1860 & the above is correct copy

S/Isaac W. King

[p 10: On January 16 1862 in New Hanover County North Carolina Eliza King, 63, filed as the
widow of Gilbert Mathews, private and pensioner of the United States for his services in the
revolution at the rate of \$96 per annum; saying she married him July 15, 1816; that her name
prior to marriage was in Eliza Strouse; that her husband died April 8, 1822; that she then married
Joseph King in 1824 and he died December 3, 1860 and she is still a widow. She signed this
document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 18th, 1820, for service
as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]