

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Matthews S41818

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State of North Carolina Wake County:

The Affidavit of James Matthews personally appeared before me John Lewis Taylor one of the Acting Judges & Chief Justice in & for said State the said James Matthews being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist, deposeth & saith, that he entered the service in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina line on the 14 day of June 1781 under Capt. Donoho [Thomas Donoho] for the term of 12 months, which time he served faithfully, in the service of the United States in the Continental line in the Revolutionary War in said line as a private Soldier, that he listed [enlisted] in the lower end of Granville County in this State under the aforesaid Capt. Donoho, and served three months under him, and was then put under Capt. Lytle [William Lytle] of the same Regiment: in about two months after at Hillsboro he was put under Capt. Gregory [possibly Dempsey Gregory] of the 1st Regiment and joined the Virginia Troops there. After which they were marched into the State of South Carolina, & there joining General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army and was stationed at Ninety Six for some time, and from thence was marched to Charleston, & Savannah & from thence he was marched to Pedee River in said State, and there on or about the 14th day of June 1782 he was honorably discharged by the aforesaid Capt. Lytle -- having served out the period of his Enlistment -- after which he the said James Matthews returned home to his place of residence which was at that time in the County of Granville & State aforesaid. But that he now resides in the County of Randolph & State aforesaid. And further maketh oath that [he] is in very reduced circumstances, a poor feeble and infirm person, and also unable to maintain himself by his manual labor. He therefore asks such relief as the Government of his Country has provided, for the revolutionary Soldiers, of those in similar Circumstances, and further saith that he really needs the assistance he here ask of his Country -- he is very infirm, having received a severe injury in getting the [indecipherable word, looks like "Kisor" or "Kinor"] of his Belly [?]¹ Broken by a British Musket in an engagement by striking of his enemy's Bayonet, the enemy then pused [pushed] him in the Belly with the muzzle of his Gun and ran off in this way he received an internal wound of which he has never since recovered -- & further this deponent saith not.

S/ James Matthews, X his mark

Kinor of his Belly

Sworn to before me in Raleigh the 22nd January 1819
S/ J. L. Taylor, Chief Justice Su. Court
[Attested by William Robards, Clerk of the Supreme Court of NC]

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State of North Carolina Randolph County: Superior Court of Law & Equity for the County
aforesaid April Term A.D. 1822

Present the Honorable John R. Dannel Judge of the Court aforesaid Personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of record for the County aforesaid James Matthews aged 73 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 of March & the 1st May 1820 that he the said James Matthews enlisted for the term of three years in the month of June as well as he recollects in 1777 in the State of North Carolina at Granville Court House, in the Company commanded by Capt. William Lytle in the Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle in the Line of the State of North Carolina in the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until his term of service expired, & he was honorably discharged from the said service near Savannah in the State of Georgia. That he was in five Battles, to wit, at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], Briar Creek [March 3, 1779], also near Savannah & at Campden [sic, Camden] Court House in the State of South Carolina.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 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

Schedule

State of North Carolina Randolph County: Superior Court April Term 1822

On this 5th of April 1822 Personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, for the County aforesaid, James Matthews aged 73 years resident in said State in Randolph County, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeseth & saith that the following is a list of all his property, to wit,

a few Articles of Household & Kitchen furniture worth about \$10 -- is all that he possesses except a bed that he lives upon the land of John Lambert through Charity, that he is unable to farm it, & lives mostly upon the Charity of his neighbors, that his family consists of himself aged 73 years, his wife Nancy aged 71 years & grandson named John Correll aged 8 or 9 years old. That neither of them are able to support themselves, & that they live upon the Charity of others.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court April the 5th 1822

S/ James Matthews, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Randolph County: Whereas this Day came John Thompson² before me

² I could not find a veteran by this name who appears to be a likely candidate for having filed a pension claim for his

Tidance Lane Esquire one of the acting Justices for said County and maketh Oath that he knew James Matthews in the United States Army in the revolutionary war in the Continental Establishment and that the said Matthews joined the Virginia Troops at Hillsboro in the State aforesaid in the first Regiment under Capt. William Gregory commanded by Col. Blunt [Reading Blount?] and marched from there in General Greene's Army to Ninety Six in South Carolina and there was stationed some time and then marched from there to Charlestown and there was stationed 12 months or thereabouts and that the said Matthews was marched from Charlestown to some other station But this Deponent does not Recollect where But has reason to Believe that the said Matthews served until the close of the war and the Deponent further says that he has known the said Matthews ever since & that he is old and very infirm and in very reduced circumstances & to his relief stands in much need of the assistance of his Country.

Sworn to and [indecipherable word] to before me this 15th Day January 1819

Attest:

S/ John Thompson, X his mark

S/ Tid. Lane, JP

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 21st of January 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental line of the Revolutionary War that James Matthews enlisted as a private in the 10th Regiment in the line aforesaid under Capt. Donoho for the term of 12 months on the 14th June 1781 and was discharged on the 14th of June 1782

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 22, 1824 service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]

own services in the Revolution. This may be the only record of his service in the war.