

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Matthews S5735

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State of Virginia Isle of Wight County Sct.

On this Third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before Augustus Ballard, Edwin Morrison, Jordan Parr & David Roberts the Justices of Isle of Wight County aforesaid now sitting Jesse Mathews a resident of said Isle of Wight County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-three years the 18th of July last past as appears by a register of his birth to the said court shown; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the militia of Virginia in the year 1775 just before he was sixteen years old, as a substitute for one Anthony Brown, that he went with the company commanded by Captain Jesse Whitehead to Portsmouth and there served seven weeks though six weeks was considered a tour of duty – he then returned to his native County of Isle of Wight, and in a very short time (say five weeks) he was enrolled on the muster list and drafted to go out another tour, which he served out under Captain Emanuel Wills in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John S Wells, that he returned home and remained about six weeks, and again went into service and continued nearly seven weeks under Captain William Gay in the aforementioned Regiment – After that, he in a short time in it for another tour as a substitute for a Quaker & he thinks his name was Jordan – & served out the tour under the command of Captain Thomas Fearn – the next tour he served was his own regular tour, which he served out under the aforementioned Captain Emanuel Wills – in the sixth tour he served under the aforesaid Captain William Gay as a substitute for another Quaker by the name of Westray as well as he recollects – and the seventh tour was his own term & he again served under Captain Emanuel Wills. The eighth Tour he served under Captain William Blunt at the expiration of which he with three other men, John Turner, Michael Cowling [?], & Thomas Coffield, went on board a vessel at Millerners Town [?]¹ that bound to the West Indies with tobacco, and was getting into the Chesapeake Bay met the French fleet, and the vessel he was in being well armed the Captain was requested by the French commander to joined the Fleet and assist in the capture of Corn Wallice [Cornwallis] at Little York which he did and remained in York River till Wallice [Cornwallis] was captured [October 19, 1781] & acted as a guard vessel during the siege. He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn & subscribed the day & year first above written.

¹ *Millerners Town*

S/ Jesse Mathews, X his mark

[Daniel Whitley, a clergyman, and Nathaniel Young gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.09 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months and 13 days service as a private in the Virginia militia.]