

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Mathew Mabry S7174

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State of N. Carolina } Superior Court of Law & Equity  
Warren County } October Term 1834

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John R. Donnell Judge of the said Court now sitting - Mathew Mabry a resident of the County of Warren aforesaid - aged seventy five years last June - 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he was born in the County of Bute [sic: formed from Granville County in 1764], State of N. Carolina - now Warren County. That in the Spring of the year 1780, he thinks in April, he was drafted for five months as a Private in the militia and attached to the company of Capt. John White in the regiment commanded by Col. [Benjamin] Exum of No. Ampton [Northampton] County and Majr. Nicholson. That he was first marched to the Town of Halifax where he joined the Halifax & No. Ampton Troops. thence he was sent by Gen'l. Thomas Eaton to Cross Creek [now Fayetteville] in Cumberland County No Carolina, a distance about 110 miles, with papers and despatches to Gen'l. [Richard] Caswell - and was accompanied by Samuel Person and James Balthrop, who died on his return. That he brought back some papers from Gen'l. Caswell to Gen'l. Eaton - but delivered them to Col. Exum as Gen'l. Eaton was not present. That Col. Exum sent him back with more papers or letters to Gen'l. Caswell with whom he remained till Gates' defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC]. He well remembers Gen'l. Caswell. He was of ordinary height and thin visage. He also remembers Benj. Pugh Williams [possibly John Pugh Williams] - who he thinks was one of Caswell's Aids. That he was with Caswell and his army untill the defeat of Gen'l. Gates at Camden, SoCa which he distinctly recollects was on the 16<sup>th</sup> August 1780. He was in company with Commissary Bowles and within 50 or 60 yards of the Cavalry and Infantry when the first Gun was fired. He came down to the end of his line when Col. [Charles] Porterfield of Virginia was borne by on his horse wounded - who died about four or five miles off a short time after the Battle. He retreated with the rest of the militia to Bell's Mill on Deep River [in NC] where they were stationed for some time. Thence they were marched under the command of Gen'l. [Isaac] Gregory up on the River Yadkin opposite the Town of Salisbury where this Deponant was discharged by Col. Exum having performed his full term of service. This discharge was signed by Col. Exum but has been lost. Afterwards, he believes in the month of October of the same year he became the substitute of one William Blackwell a private in the militia for three months. was attached to the company of Capt. Isham Harris of the Regiment commanded by Col. Wm Moore - was marched to Salisbury and was stationed for a while a short distance beyond that place under the command of Gen'l. [John] Butler. From thence he was marched to New Providence on the Catawba and was sent 7 or 8 miles down the Catawba to guard a Ford under Col. [William Richardson] Davie with whom he was well acquainted. Here he continued untill the arrival of the new guard when having served his full term of three months he was discharged. His discharge was signed by Col. Wm Moore of Caswell County but has since been lost. Having returned home, it being in the year 1781 he was again drafted for three months as a private in the militia in the company of Capt. Joseph Wren of the Regiment under the command of Col. [Benjamin] Seawell Col. William Linton and Maj'r Mathew Wood. He was marched from Williamsboro in Granville to Halifax and thence to Tarborough [Tarboro] where he was stationed till they heard of the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] - Of this service he performed two months, as well as he recollects - While at Tarborough Gen'l. Nash & Col. Linton did all they could to promote and encourage enlistments and he was induced to abandon the militia service and to enlist for 18 months under the command of Geo. Twitty of Bute - about 30 or 40 others enlisted. They came home where they stayed 2 or 3 days & then rendesvoused at Henry's new[?] house - now New Hope - near Halifax Town where they met Col. Linton who took command of them. After a few days they were allowed to return home under orders to hold themselves at all times in readiness but peace

being announced they ever were called upon.

This Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

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[Certified by John L. Ward (pension application S7804) and Robin Harris (R6472).]

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