

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Matthews S7179

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State of Virginia County of Nelson: SS

On this 24th day of December 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of the County of Nelson now sitting Joseph Matthews a resident in the County of Nelson and State of Virginia aged 78 years 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 under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

1st He volunteered in the County of Amherst, now Nelson, under Captain Joseph Cabell and Lieutenant Nicholas Cabell & Ensign Nathan Crawford in the year 177_ he does not recollect the precise day, but it was a year or so after the Commencement of the War and marched to Williamsburg from Amherst by Richmond, where he remained in service four months where he was discharged from service: After remaining in Williamsburg sometime Captain Joseph Cabell was promoted to Colonel and acted as such, he does not recollect what other Colonel commanded at that place.

2nd. About four or five months after he had returned home, he was drafted in Amherst County and marched under Captain John Christian, the subaltern Officers he does not now recollect, to York Town, by the way of Richmond, and by Williamsburg and New Kent Courthouse. He remained in service this tour about three months, he does not recollect any of the names of the Officers of higher grade and was discharged a little below the Halfway house.

3rd. That sometime after the last tour aforesaid, he was again drafted in the County of Amherst and marched under Captain James Lamplin Lieutenant Joseph Staples and the Ensign not recollected to Richmond and from thence to the Malvern Hills where he remained some time and was marched from about ten miles up the Country and discharged from service, he having served three months in this tour. He was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lindsey, the other field Officers not recollected. No regular Officers all recollected.

4th. That afterwards to wit on the __ day of __ 17__ he was again drafted and marched from Amherst and marched again by Richmond to York Town where he was again discharged having served in this tour 3 months he marched under Captain John Loving and Ensign Abram Seay, the Lieutenant not recollected. He does not recollect the name of the Colonel who commanded nor any other Officer of higher grade. He believes however it was Colonel Matthews.

He also makes the following answers to the following questions propounded to him by the Court, viz.:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Fauquier, he does not know in what year he was born but

believes it was in the year 1756.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age it was in a book lent to old Mr. Dawson and was burnt up in a Schoolhouse.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in the County of Amherst. I afterwards lived 2 years in the South & ever since lived in the County of Amherst, now Nelson, and now live in Nelson County formally Amherst.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I first volunteered and was afterwards drafted as many as 3 times & served 3 tours as a Militia draft of 3 months each, and one tour of 4 months as a volunteer.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I have already stated the names of all the Officers that I now recollect. I do not recollect the number of any Regiment I was in or were where I served and also I have stated the general circumstances of my service so far as I recollect.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I do not particularly recollect of ever receiving any written discharge but was verbally dismissed from service having been relieved by other soldiers who came into service.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. William Harris who knows of my service and Captain John H Mosby who can testify as to my veracity & the belief of my services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jos. Matthews¹

I William Harris² residing in the County of Nelson, hereby certify that I know that Joseph Matthews served as he states in the foregoing declaration which he has subscribed & sworn to. He & myself lived near each other & was in the service together every tour he states. I also certify that said Matthews in my opinion is of the age of seventy-six years, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that I concur in that opinion.

S/ Wm Harris³

[John H Mosby gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ I do not believe this is the actual signature of the veteran since the hand writing is identical to the body of the document itself.

² [William Harris S6956](#)

³ Again, the handwriting of the signature is identical to the body of the document itself and consequently I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia militia.]