

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Matkins S7181

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State of North Carolina } SS.

County of Caswell } }

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1832 Personally appeared in open Court, before James Martin, Esqr the Judge of Caswell Superior court of Law now sitting John Matkins a resident of the said county of Caswell and State aforesaid aged about seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That about the year 1782 or 3 [sic] a draft being [two undeciphered words] in the company to which he belonged in the County of Dorchester State of Maryland, he together with others turned out as volunteers for the term of nine months, that he entered a company in the service of the United States commanded by Captain David Linn [sic: David Lynn, pension application W9151], and Lieuts Jesse Sert[?], and Gwyn Fitzgerald. That Major Roxburge [sic: Alexander Roxburgh] was one of the field officers of the Regiment to which his company was attached, that he first marched to Annapolis [sic: Annapolis] in said state and from thence they marched in the direction of Little York in Virginia (in persuit of Lord Cornwallis) and crossed the Potomac at Georgetown. From Georgetown we marched through Bladensburg, Dumfries and other places until we reached Yorktown. That he was engaged in the battle of Yorktown [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], was in the heat of that battle, two men on my right side were very badly wounded. That he continued in the service until peace was made, and was then regularly discharged, having served for a period of nine months wanting only three or four days (He further relinquishes all claim to any other pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not in the pension roll of any state or agency)

John hisXmark Matkins

Questions by the Court. – 1<sup>st</sup> – Where, and in what year were you born. Answer – I was born in the county of Dorchester, state of Maryland on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1762. 2d Have you any record of your age I have no particular record of my age my father however sent me after I removed from my native state a memorandum of the time that I was born.

Question 3<sup>d</sup> – Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live

Answer – when called into the service I was living in the county of Drochester, State of Maryland, Shortly after the revolution I removed to the County of Caswell State of North Carolia, and have resided there ever since.

Question 4<sup>th</sup> – How were you called into the service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute

Answer I volunteered

Question 5<sup>th</sup> – State the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer – This I have stated as fully as my memory will enable me in my declaration which has just been read.

Question 6<sup>th</sup> 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 did receive a regular discharge from the service signed by one of the field officers – which discharge I have since lost or mislaid not thinking that it would ever be of any service to me.

Question 7<sup>th</sup> – State the names of persons residing in your neighbourhood to whom you are known, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and good behaviour, your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer – I am well acquainted with James Kerr, Esq the Senator elect from this county in the approaching

General Assembly, with Freeman Leath, Esq one of the Justices of the Peace for this county and others.  
There is no person in this section of cuntry by whom I can prove my services as I enlisted four or five  
hundred miles from where I now live. John hisXmark Matkins

Land Office; Annapolis, Jan'y 11 1833;

I Certify; that it appears by a paper on file in this office; endorsed; "Recruits raised in Dorchester County;  
pursuant to a late Act of Assembly; for raising Two Battalions in this State;" That the name of John  
Matkins, appears upon said list, to have been enrolled on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 1781; – it is not stated on the list;  
how long he served; nor the term for which he enlisted, George G. Brewer/ Reg'r. L'd. Off. W. S. Md.

NOTE: A letter dated 27 Feb 1858 states that John Matkins was married in 1789 or 1790 and died on 8  
Feb 1845, and that his widow was still living.