

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Giles Mathews [Matthews]¹ S8993

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State of North Carolina Pitt County: SS

On this 9th Day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Giles Matthews a resident of the County & State of North Carolina aged Seventy-nine 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.

That he was born in Virginia in King and Queen County, that he was a resident of Hertford County North Carolina when he was first engaged in the service of the United States, and for some time before, & that in November in the year of 1775 he enlisted in Capt. Murphey's [Hardy Murfree's] Company under the command of Col. Howe [Robert Howe] in the 2nd Regiment of the Continental line from Hertford County, they marched to Edenton from thence they marched to the long bridge² near Norfolk and there remained for some time and had an engagement with the enemy and proved victorious, from which place he returned after receiving some assistance to get home by his friends in of which tour he served Seven months & half. I then volunteered in Capt. Morris' company under the command of Col. Wynn [Benjamin Wynn] and marched from Hertford to Wilmington North Carolina, from there we marched to Tarborough and discharged after serving four months as a volunteer. He was afterwards called out and was marched to Fayetteville under the command of Capt. Perry [Abner Perry], under the command of Col. Wynn and was much harassed by the Tories and remained about Fayetteville till peace was declared after an absence of seven months and were discharged at Hertford Court House the whole term of my service is eighteen months and a half -- That he was acquainted with Major Hogan.

That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service, nor has he any documentary evidence.

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.

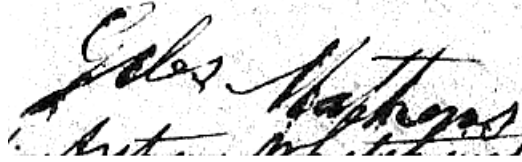
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

¹ This veteran's file is indexed under the surname "Matthews" but he clearly signed his name "Mathews."

² My guess he is referring to the engagement usually referred to as the Battle of Great Bridge which occurred on December 9, 1775. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/751209.htm>

S/ Arch Parker, Clerk

S/ Giles Mathews

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Giles Mathews". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[William Clark, a clergyman, Arthur Whitehurst and James Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The amended declaration of Giles Matthews

Giles Mathews Maketh oath that he knows of no other person by whom he can prove his services in the Revolutionary war except those who have signed his declaration and that his Service commenced in the year 1775 and he occasionally served until peace was proclaimed the precise duties I rendered my services I cannot recollect.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court before me this 8th day of November A.D. 1833

S/ Giles Mathews

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- I was born in King & Queen County Virginia in the year 1754.

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

Answer -- I have at my house

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 Hertford County North Carolina and lived there until I moved to the County of Pitt North Carolina where I now reside.

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 volunteered the two first times and the last term of service I was a substitute.

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 was enlisted by Capt. Hardee Murphey [sic, Hardy Murfree], Col. Howe, General Buncomb [Edward Buncombe], General Caswell [Richard Caswell], Capt. Thomas Moore, Col. Wynn the particular Regiments not recollected

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 received a discharge from Col. Murphy but have lost or mislaid it so that I cannot tell what has become of it.

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 -- General William Clark, James Taylor, Moses Highsmith, Thomas Davis & Henry Barnhill are all acquainted with me.

S/ Giles Matthews

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$61.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private or 18 ½ months in the North Carolina Continental line.]