

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Mathew S9001

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia: County of Preston SS.

on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Preston County now sitting Isaac Mathew Esqr a Justice of the peace in and for said County, and resident of said County of Preston and State of Virginia aged Seventy one 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 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, that he joined the Virginia Militia at Fauquire [sic: Fauquier] Courthouse in the State of Virginia, in the year 1777 as a volunteer, under the following named officers Col. [Martin] Picket, Major Francis Triplet [sic: Francis Triplett] and Captain Samuel Blackwel [sic: Samuel Blackwell]. I resided at the time I joined the army in Fauquire County Va. we marched from said Courthouse in company with three other companies besides the one to which I belonged, two of which was volunteers and two was drafted companies. we marched through Leesburg in Virginia Frederick Town in Maryland Tawney town [sic: Taneytown] Md. at which place the two drafted companies left us, and we continued our march and passed through York town in Pennsylvania to Lancaster Pa where we joined the main army commanded by General Washington, the night after the battle at Germantown [4 Oct 1777], where the American army had retreated on Skippack Creek where Gen'l. Washington and his army was encamped we marched from here to a place called the Wet encampment [near Kulpville], were we had a day of rejoicing on hearing of General Burgoynes defeat [17 Oct 1777], thence to a place called the White marsh on the north side of Chestnut hill where I was discharged three weeks before Gen'l. Washington took up his Winter quaters at Valley forge [16 Dec]. I served at this time three months, I believe to the best of my recollection I belonged to the third Virginia Ridgment. I received a discharge given by Col. Pickett. I returned home and continued there a short time, and then I entered the service again as a substitute for William Morehead in company with my youngest brother Benjamin Mathew who was drafted. we marched from Fauquire Courthouse to the Potomac at Nolens ferry [sic: Nolands Ferry] where we was stationed for the purpose of guarding the Brittish Prisoners taken at the surrender of Gen'l. Burgoyne at Saratoga to Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates. we served three weeks under Captain Kintchelov [probably William Kinchiloe or Kincheloe] which was some time about Christmas [1778] to the best of my recollection at this time. I was drafted in april or May 1781 and joined my company commanded by Captain James to the best of my recollection the names of no other officer at this time recollected. At Fauquire courthouse we marched through Fredericks burg, Richmond Va. to a place called the Wilton encampment about seven miles below Richmond where we remained some time and then we returned to Richmond where we received information that the Brittish was marching from Petersburg towards Richmond & we left Richmond and Retreated through the lower part of Culpeper County Va and our enemy continued to pursue us untill Gen'l. Wane joined us near the Rappahanoc river [sic: Gen. Anthony Wayne near Rappahannock River, 10 Jul 1781]. I was under at this time Gen'l. Marquis de laFayette who was our commander and after Gen'l. Wane joining our army the Brittish retreated to yorktown - then I was stationed on the Pamunkey River to guard a Millatary Store. I was under at this time Major Higgans [possibly Maj. John Higgins] & Captain Jeremiah Upshaw at which place my time expired and Captain Upshaw gave me my discharge by order of Major Higgans which was about the last of July 1781. I served at this time three months. I was in no battle and boath of my discharges that I received has been lost for some time. I was born in Bucks County State of Pennsylvania in the year 1761 my age was written in my fathers Bible which my oldest brother got. and I do not know where it is at this time. I have lived since the Revolution War in Fauquire County Va. Culpeper County Va. Monongalia County and now in the County of Preston and State of Virginia. that I have no documentary evidence of my services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and I do declare that my name is not on

the pension roll of the agency of any State.  
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid -

[signed] Isaac Mathew

personally appeared in open court Benjamin Mathew and made the following affidavit. I recollect of my brother Isaac Mathew leaving home in the year 1777 as a volunteer in the Virginia Militia under Captain Samuel Blackwel, and I went a short distance with my brother Isaac after he had joined the army at Fauquire courthouse in Virginia on their way to the north. we lived at that time in Fauquire County Va and afterwards my brother Isaac served three weeks as a substitute for William Morehead in the Virginia militia and I served with him during that time. I was drafted at that time, & my brother Isaac & myself assisted in guarding the prisoners surrendered by Gen'l. Burgine to Gen'l Gates. we served under Captain Kintchelow at the time we assisted in guarding said prisoners - and that my brother Isaac was afterwards drafted for three months and I recollect of his leaving home for the purpose of his joining the army and that he was gon from home three months if no longer. Sworn and subscribed in open court —

[signed] Benjamin Mathew

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners in Lewis, Harrison, and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. On Mathew's report Singleton wrote "Entitled."]

Isaac Matthews draws \$22.

I the undersigned Isaac Matthews at the Requisition of the Secretary of War, give the following statement of my age and services as a soldier in the War of the Revolution, to Wit - I am in my 73<sup>rd</sup> year of age - am a native of Pensylvania removed to Fauquier Cty Va. when fourteen years old & remained there until the year 1799. - in the year 1777 I volunteered under Capt. Samuel Blackwell of Fauquir County for 3 month & marched to Pensylvania to a place called Paquomon [Perkiomen Creek] - then joined Washingtons army which had just gotten there on its retreat from Germantown - I was discharged at White Marsh [Whitemarsh] having served out my time of 3 mo. there were six companies (his volunteers & 4 drafts) marched from, and to the same place, at the same time under Major Picket. on gitting to headquarters I was attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virga. Regt.

in the year 1778 or 1779 as well as I can remember, I was three weeks guarding Burgoins Prissoners -

in the Summer of 1781 I was drafted for a 3 months tour & marched from Fauquier Cty. under Capt James to Richmond & Mobin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], there joined the main army (I dont recollect to what Regt I was attached) under Lafayette and was with him whilst he was retreating before the british army to the Mountains. served out the time & returned home & thus ended my revolutionary services. Jno. Brim wrote my Declaration. In Witness whereof I hereto subscribe my name August 2, 1834.

Isaac Matthews  
Nov. 24, 1834