

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Arthur Matthis S9397

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Transcribed by Will Graves

12/31/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina, Duplin County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Term 1833

Duplin County

On the 27th day of February A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Jeremiah Pearsall, William Carr, and John Watkins, Esquires – now sitting, Arthur Matthis, a resident of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina aged about seventy two years of age 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

1. Under Col. James Kenan, Capt. John Moulton, John Armstrong Lieut. Theophilus Williams Ensign; that he cannot recollect the day or the month or with any certainty the year, but thinks it was in the year 1778 and in the fall, that he left this term of service a little while after Christmas and supposes it was the first of the year 1779, that he engaged for three months and served the term out, that when he entered the service he resided in Duplin County N.C. on Stewart's Creek; that he was a volunteer light horseman; that he was in no battle but had a skirmish with the Tories on Drowning creek in Robeson County not far from a place called Cole's Bridge; that he embodied at Duplin old Court House and marched from thence to Cross Creek, now Fayetteville, in Cumberland County, from thence into South Carolina on Big Pedee, that over Big Pedee he joined a regiment or brigade which he thinks was commanded by Gen. Harrington; that he remained in South Carolina nearly the balance of his tour; and about the end thereof he went in a detachment to guard some Tories, who had been taken prisoner, to New Bern; that he has no documentary evidence whatever for this or any other tour; but thinks he can prove his service in these three months by William Taylor of Duplin County aforesaid

2. Under Capt. Robert Merritt, King Vann Lieut. sometimes under the command of Col. James Kenan then of Col. James Moore & of Col Thomas Bludworth. Jonathan Taylor, Major; that he entered this service the first of the fall he thinks in the year 1779 and left it in the spring of the year (he supposes) 1780, that he is not certain whether he engaged for six months or whether he served two tours of three months, that he was not in constant service, but would occasionally return home and remain until his services were required; that he estimated his service under Capt. Merritt at six months; that he was a volunteer light horseman; that he was in no battle, but in two skirmishes with the Tories, one at Bennett Smith's on South River, in which a Private named David Tucker was wounded and one at Capt. She. Williams's between little Cohara [Coharie River] & South River in which some of the Tories were wounded and some taken prisoners; that he embodied at the residence of Capt. Robert Merritt; that his marches for the most part were in Duplin County but was also in New Hanover County; that he has no documentary evidence but thinks he can prove this service by Daniel Merritt & part by Major James Matthis of Sampson County.

3. Under Col James Kenan & sometimes Col Charles Ward & Capt. David Dodd, he forgets his

other officers, that he entered this service in the fall and he supposes in the year 1780, thinks it was in the month of October, and left it he believes in January 1781; that he was a volunteer light horseman; that he engaged for three months and served the term out; that he was in no battle nor skirmish, but that Capt. Dodd killed a Tory at Edward Albert's beyond the North East; that he embodied at Duplin Old Court House & marched across the North East at Limestone bridge: that his marches were entirely within Duplin County, comprehending what is now Sampson County, has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

4. In the summer of 1781, the enemy being in Wilmington were expected to march up through Duplin northwardly across Rockfish bridge which is just above South Washington; that he entered the service then under Capt. Shadrack Stallings and was marched to Rockfish bridge, that he was then put under the command of Col. Charles Ward, Capt. Jonathan Parker & he forgets his other officers, that he served in this tour to the best of his knowledge about two months; he thinks he was drafted for three months, but quit this service after the skirmish at Rockfish; that he was in the skirmish at Rockfish bridge where the Americans were defeated and dispersed, being attacked both in front and rear by the enemy, about at the same time; that he made no marches after he arrived at Rockfish bridge but remained there making intrenchments till the skirmish, that he has no documentary evidence but thinks he can prove this service by Daniel Merritt of Sampson County.

5. Under the command of Capt. James Gillespie, Samuel Houston Lieutenant, James Pearsall Ensign, that he entered this service he thinks in 1781 early in the fall and left in the last of 1781 when he thinks hostilities ceased in this section; that he engaged for three months and served a little over two months, that he was a volunteer light horseman; that he was in no battle; that he embodied at the Cross Roads in Duplin County and marched through Bladen into Robeson County to Lumberton, thence back into New Hanover County, thence into Duplin County, he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person by whom he can prove his service in this tour.

Answers of Arthur Matthis to the questions asked him by the Court as presented by the War Department:

To the 1st he answers I was born in Bute County, N.C. beyond Tar River, but don't know what year, think in 1760 or 61

To the 2nd he answers I have no record of my age now; it was recorded in a Bible which Wm Matthis took with him to Tennessee when he removed thither.

To the 3d he answers, when I entered service I was living in Duplin County, N.C. I've lived in Duplin County ever since the Revolutionary War & now live there

To the 4th he answers, I always volunteered except once when I think I was drafted.

To the 5th he answers, there were no regular officers, as I remember with the troops where I served. I knew no continental regiments. The militia regiments I recollect were Gen Harrington's, or Gen Caswell's, Col James Kenan's Col. Lillington's or Col Charles Ward's; Col James Moore & Col Thomas Bludworth commanded a few companies. That the general circumstances of my service are related above.

To the 6th he answers, I don't recollect to have received but one discharge & that was given by Col. Kenan (illegible) I finished my tour under Capt. Moulton, which I took no care of & have lost.

To the 7th he answers, Rev. William Wells, William Stokes, Timothy Newkirk, Rev. Peter Carlton, Gibson Sloane, &c.

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

S/ Arthur Matthis, X his mark

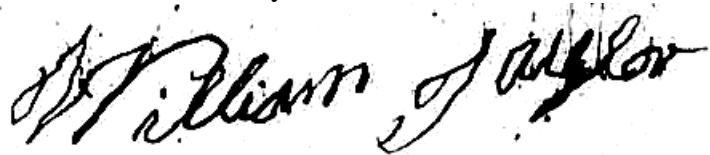
Test, S/ James Dickson
Assistant Clerk

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State of North Carolina Duplin County

On this 16th day of September 1833 before made John Linton an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared William Taylor¹ a resident of said County in the State aforesaid aged 75 years and some months, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say, that he is acquainted with Arthur Mathis the above named applicant; knew him and served with him in the Revolutionary war three months in a company of Duplin cavalry under the command of Colonel James Kenan, Captain John Moulton, John Armstrong Lieutenant and Theophilus Williams Ensign; that this deponent cannot be certain what year of the war he entered this service, but it was in the fall of the year and probably in the year 1778 or 1779, that they marched from Duplin to Cross Creek now Fayetteville; thence into South Carolina, and joined a Regiment or brigade commanded by General Arrington; that about the end of this tour, this deponent and (he believes) Arthur Mathis the aforesaid applicant went in a detachment to guard some Tory prisoners to New Bern, where they were discharged.

S/ William Taylor



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State of North Carolina Sampson County

On this the 19th day of April A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me Dickson Sloan an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Sampson Daniel Merritt² a resident of said County of Sampson in the State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years last October, who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, depose and say, that he became acquainted with Arthur Mathis a resident of Duplin County North Carolina aged about seventy-two years, and an applicant for a pension on account of Revolutionary services under the act of Congress of June seventh 1832 in or about the year 1777, that he (this deponent) lived about 4 1/2 miles from said applicant; that said applicant to the knowledge of this deponent served in the war of the Revolution, as a volunteer light horsemen, under Captain Robert Merritt; King Vann Lieutenant, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Kenan, two tours of service of three months each, making six months; that said applicant and this deponent entered said service together and served together the six months out; that this deponent cannot state with certainty the date of entering or leaving this service, as he is illiterate and of bad memory, but thinks it was the last of the summer or first of the fall in the year 1779 or 1780 that he entered it, and left it the spring of 1780 or 1781; that they were in two skirmishes with the Tories during this service, one at Bennett Smith's on South River, and one at Cohara [Coharie River] at Captain She Williams's, that they embodied at the residence of Captain Robert Merritt and were confined in their marches principally to Duplin County, comprehending what is now also of Sampson, but were also in New

¹ [William Taylor S7685](#)

² [Daniel Merritt W6817](#)

Hanover County. This deponent further deposeseth and saith, that the aforesaid applicant Arthur Mathis was drafted for three months as a militia man to go on an expedition to Rockfish bridge just above South Washington in New Hanover County against the enemy who were expected to March up that way from Wilmington northwardly, that said applicant and this deponent were in a company commanded by Captain Jonathan Parker, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Ward, that this service was in the summer of 1781, that in August 1781 they were in a skirmish with the enemy at Rockfish Bridge, in which the Americans were defeated, being attacked both in front and rear about at the same time; that their company dispersed after the skirmish and did not collect afterwards, having served two months and this deponent thinks a little upwards, that they made no marches, being stationed at Rockfish bridge and employed in making entrenchments there.

S/ Daniel Merritt



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State of North Carolina Sampson County

On this the 27th day of July A.D. 1833 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for said County of Sampson, personally appeared James Mathis a resident of Sampson County in the State of North Carolina aged 69 years the 11 July 1833 who being duly sworn deposeseth & saith that he is well acquainted with Arthur Mathis an applicant for a pension on account of Revolutionary services, that he this deponent saw said applicant in the service in that war of the Revolution under Captain Robert Merritt, that this deponent cannot say how long said applicant served under Captain Robert Merritt, but this deponent saw said applicant and was with him in a skirmish with the Tories at Bennett Smith's where one David Tucker was wounded in the thigh, that this deponent belonged to a company commanded by Captain William Vann, both companies under the command of Colonel Thomas Bludworth, that said applicant & this deponent were sent to take David Tucker the wounded man to his place of residence.

S/ Ja L Matthis



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State of North Carolina Duplin County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1834

On this the 21st day of October A.D. 1834 before the Worshipful Justices of the Court aforesaid viz. James Lawson Senior, Richard Miller & John Farrier Esquires – personally appeared Arthur Mathis, a resident of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-three years last August who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by 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 In a company of Duplin militia under Captain John Moulton, John Armstrong Lieutenant, Theophilus Williams Ensign, being ordered out by Colonel James Kenan, who took command of two companies of militia viz. Captain Moulton's and Captain Daniel Williams's and marched into South Carolina and served three months as a volunteer and private of cavalry, in September, he supposes in the year 1779, he marched from Duplin to Cross Creek, thence to Cheraw Hills and there stationed to guard some wounded soldiers, thence across Pedee [River] at the Long Bluff and joined General Harrington's troops on towards Camden, traversed the Country a while thence on full Cross Creek and

across Drowning Creek at Coles Bridge, having charge of some prisoners received from General Harrington to guard to New Bern North Carolina. This applicant's three months expired before he reached New Bern, and was discharged at Newbern by Lieutenant Armstrong. He has no documentary evidence but can prove this service by a William Taylor of Duplin County aforesaid if alive. He was in no battle this tour.

2ndly In a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain David Dodd Laban Taylor Lieutenant, occasionally under the command of Colonel James Moore and Colonel Ivey of the Continental Army, and served three months as a private; the militia being ordered out for a draft by Colonel James Moore, this applicant volunteered; – in the spring of 1780 as he believes; his marches were confined to Duplin County including also what is now Sampson, acting against the Tories who were then very numerous and troublesome – he was in no battle; has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service – he took excursions on the Coharie, South River and the North East [River], the County being very large –

3rdly In July or August 1780 being ordered out by Colonel James Kenan he volunteered and entered service in a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain Robert Merritt, King Vann Lieutenant, sometimes under the command of Colonel James Kenan, and served three months as a private – in expeditions and excursions against the Tories – Sometimes we apprehended coming upon the British who were then in Wilmington and would occasionally marching out into the Country round about. He marched at one time during this tour into New Hanover County, but his marches were principally confined to Duplin which embraced what is now called Sampson. He was in one skirmish, at Bennett Smith's on South River where one of his company name David Tucker was wounded. He has no documentary evidence but can prove this tour of service by Daniel Merritt of Sampson County.

4thly Immediately upon the expiration of the last mentioned tour, there was an imperious demand for the services of soldiers, he volunteered and entered service again in a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain Robert Merritt, King Vann Lieutenant and served three months as a private, commencing he believes in November 1780; he marched out of Duplin into New Hanover, to the Big Bridge and joined some militia from Duplin at that place under the command of Captain James Love & Aaron Williams, there being British encamped on the opposite side of the River; during this tour Captain James Love was killed by a party of British at the eight mile house below Wilmington – he marched back from the Big Bridge into Duplin and was discharged at Duplin old Court House. He has no documentary proof but can prove this service by Daniel Merritt of Sampson County aforesaid –

5thly In June 1781 the militia of Duplin were ordered out for a draft when this applicant was drafted and entered into service in a company of militia infantry under Captain Jonathan Parker for three months his other company officers he forgets; he marched to Rockfish Bridge just above South Washington and there joined a Regiment of militia under General Lillington & Colonel Kenan and Ward, there stationed to prevent the British then in Wilmington from marching up through the country by that way; he was employed in making entrenchments and fortifying the place – keeping guard &c In August 1781 the British made an attack upon the troops there stationed who after a small resistance gave way and took to flight having been attacked both in front and rear about at the same time. He served in this tour two months as a private – has no documentary evidence but can also prove this service by Daniel Merritt aforesaid.

6thly In the fall of 1781 there being a demand for services, the militia were called out and this applicant volunteered & entered service in a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain James Gillespie, Samuel Houston Lieutenant and served three months as a private, traversed the country a great deal; marched to Lumberton in Robeson County; he was in no battle or skirmish, but expected to meet with the enemy both British and Tories. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person now alive by whom he can prove this service.

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 & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Arthur Mathis, X his mark

Answers of Arthur Mathis to the questions propounded to him by the Court.

1. I was born on Fishing Creek in Bute County North Carolina in August 1761
2. I have no record of my age –
3. I refer to my declaration
4. When called into service I was living in Duplin County where I have lived ever since the Revolutionary war & now live there.
5. The only regular officer with the troops where I served was Curtis Ivey. I never saw any Continental troops – the militia regiments I recollect were General Harrington's in South Carolina; Colonel Kenan's and Colonel Ward's. For the general circumstances of my service I refer to my declaration.
6. I received one written discharge given me by Colonel Kenan which was burnt with my house several years ago.
7. Timothy Newkirk – John Linton, Needham Bryan, Reverend William Wells – Reverend Peter Carlton, Archibald Kennedy & many others I could name.
[Peter Carlton, a clergyman, and Timothy Newkirk gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Sampson County

On this the 22nd day of January A.D. 1835 before the Undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Daniel Merritt a resident of the State & County aforesaid aged seventy-one years last October who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say that he is well acquainted with Arthur Mathis a resident of Duplin County in the State aforesaid aged about seventy-three years and an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of June 7th 1832 – knew him in the time of the War of the Revolution and served with him in that war as follows –

1st A Tour of three months in a company of Duplin cavalry under Captain Robert Merritt, King Vann Lieutenant, occasionally under Colonel James Kenan in the summer as he supposes of 1780 – the militia being ordered out by Colonel James Kenan the Acting Colonel of the County and this Company volunteered. They marched through Duplin in various ways – fell in with a party of Tories at one Bennett Smith's on South River and had some firing and one of our company viz. David Tucker wounded – a party or detachment of the company crossed over into Bladen County under Colonel Bludworth who made an attack upon one Sutton who was a Tory or disaffected with a sword – and cached him considerably – and again joined the rest in the upper part of New Hanover County and thence down through a part of New Hanover upon Moore's Creek & Long Creek and thence back into Duplin and discharged.

2ndly Another tour of three months under the same officers as above mentioned in the fall of 1780 and winter ensuing also in a company of Duplin volunteer cavalry, entered this tour of service immediately after the expiration of the above mentioned – there being an increased demand for soldiers – formed at the cross roads in Duplin – marched through Duplin and down into New Hanover – the British then having possession of Wilmington – from New Hanover back into Duplin and over the North East River down to Muddy Creek where we lay in ambush expecting the British to crossover that night – thence back across Limestone Bridge and owned by the cross roads – Colonel Kenan's, Gabriel Holmes's and into the upper part of Duplin –

3rdly – Although he does not distinctly recollect said Arthur Mathis being at Rockfish he is however of the opinion from circumstances and facts related by the said applicant which this deponent recollects – that he was there. The militia of Duplin were ordered out for a draft by Colonel James Kenan and this deponent was drafted and entered service in a company of Duplin Infantry under Captain Jonathan Parker for three months. He served however but two months having left service after

the route at Rockfish Bridge – marched down to Rockfish Bridge just above South Washington and there stationed and was employed in making entrenchments and embankments for defense against the enemy who was expected to undertake to pass that way. At Rockfish we joined a considerable force which remained and continued to increase. The enemy's dragoons cross the Creek above us and came upon our rear and being attacked in front and rear about at the same time were put to route – and performed no further service for that tour.

S/ Daniel Merritt

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State of North Carolina Sampson County

On this the 24th day of May A.D. 1841 before made Patrick Murphy Clerk & Master of the Court of Equity for said County personally appeared William Robinson Esquire a resident of said County aged seventy-six years last December who being first duly sworn maketh oath that he served a two month tour of service in the war of the Revolution with Arthur Mathis an applicant for a pension in a company of light horse or cavalry under Captain Robert Merritt, commencing about the first of September 1780 soon after the defeat or route by the enemy at Rockfish in Duplin – that our marches were in Duplin – Sampson though then Duplin to New Hanover and Bladen Counties & were fired upon at Bennett Smith's by the Tories where David Tucker one of our party was wounded. That said Mathis was a private Soldier. This tour was in lieu of three months commenced at Rockfish in the Infantry where & when the enemy routed us.

He further maketh oath that Jacob Merritt the husband of Jane married who he understands contemplates making an application for a pension was in the same service and served in the same period as a private.

S/ Wm Robinson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Robinson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of North Carolina Sampson County: SS

On this the 26 day of May A.D. 1841 before me Patrick Murphy Clerk & Master of the Court of equity for said County personally appeared Arthur Mathis now a resident of said County aged seventy-nine last October who being first duly sworn according to law, maketh oath that he served in the War of the revolution as follows

1st In a company of Duplin militia cavalry under Captain John Moulton, John Armstrong Lieutenant as a volunteer and private in the fall of 1780 he believes, marched to Cross Creek, thence to Pedee and joined General Arrington's Forces – was attached to Colonel Kenan's Regiment, marched to Cheraw and near to Camden, took some British prisoners and went in a detachment with them to New Bern Jail – had a skirmish with the Tories at Coles Bridge – some British with them – there was another company of Duplin cavalry out at the same time under Captain Daniel Williams and served together with Captain Moulton's – and served three months and refers to the affidavit of William Taylor heretofore taken as proof – he cannot recollect with certainty the dates of his several tours of service nor the precise order in which they came neither can he state positively that the service under Captain Moulton was in 1780, it might have been in 1779 – But he knows he can't say positively that he served at least three months as a volunteer and private under Captain John Moulton in a company of cavalry, two tours of three months each under Captain Robert Merritt in a company of cavalry as a volunteer and private – marched into Onslow & New Hanover counties & in Duplin principally – was drafted and entered a company of militia Infantry under Captain Jonathan Parker and marched to & stationed at Rockfish and were there attacked and defeated by the British, and served at least three weeks in making

entrenchments and preparation for the enemy before we were routed – after which he entered a company of light horse under Captain Robert Merritt and served two months in lieu of the three months for which he was drafted to serve under Captain Parker – that he served three months in a company of light horse under Captain James Gillespie in the fall of some year as a volunteer and private, marched through Duplin, Onslow, New Hanover, Bladen and to Lumberton in Robeson County – he served three months under Captain David Dodd in a company of light horse as a volunteer and private in the spring of some year, marched through & through Duplin into Onslow where we came upon some Tories who took to flight and one of them was killed by Captain Dodd who refused to stop when ordered, marched also into New Hanover & Bladen Counties – that the British had possession of Wilmington during part of the services that he was under Captain Dodd when Captain James Love was killed near Wilmington, that he was stationed and quartered at the Big Bridge while under Captain Dodd – that he was in service when Cornwallis passed through this section but can't say with certainty whom he was under.

S/ Arthur Mathis, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the cavalry in the North Carolina militia.]

Jerome D. Tew has transcribed quite a bit more of the contents of this file and submitted the following additional materials on 12/31/11.

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1833: Affidavit of William Wells a clergyman of Duplin and Timothy Newkirk of Duplin. Arthur Matthis is believed in his neighborhood where he lives to be 72 years old and a soldier of the American Revolution.

1833: Affidavit of Gibson Sloane JP: That William Wells is a clergyman of Duplin and Timothy Newkirk also of Duplin are both credible people in this county and their statement is entitled to credit.

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State of North Carolina Sampson County

We the undersigned do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the Bearer Arthur Matthis, that is respected and believed to have been a soldier of the War of the Revolution, that it has been surprising to us that he never was allowed a pension and that we believe the he is entitled to one and have understood, with regret, that his application had been rejected. March 2, 1840

John Linton

Jacob Wells

John W. Taylor

Hymon Howard

Laird Carlton

[illegible name]

William Taylor

Peter Carlton C. L. Y. [?]

Jack Mathis

Dickson Sloan

[illegibly faint name]

Patrick Murphy

Daniel Merritt an old Sg [soldier]

Jas S. Rookley [?]

David Rivenbark

V. W. Monk

Jacob Taylor

Isaac Wells

James D. Wilson

Timothy Newkirk

William Watson

William B. Wells, Esq.

James G. Stoakes

John Linton
 Jacob Wells
 John W Taylor
 Synon Howard
 Lind Carlton
 Jas Havelley
 William Taylor
 Peter Carlton C. L. Y.
 Jack Matthis
 Pitson Sloan

Patrick Murphy
 Daniel Merritt an old 57
 Jas. H. Havelley Capt.
 David Rivenbark
 J. W. Morn
 Jacob Taylor
 Jacob Wells
 James D. Wilson
 Timothy Sturbit
 William Wilson
 Wm. B. Wells Esq
 James I. Hoakes

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Oct. 1840 Letter from Patrick Murphy to the Pension Office

Sir, June or July last I address a letter to you through the Hon. James McKay requesting a reconsideration of the application of Arthur Matthis for a R W Pension written from Teachey Depot, Duplin Co. NC. I have received no answer. Please be so good as to inform me if you have received the letter and whether you will reconsider your decision in the Mr. Matthis case.

The objection of the allowance of the claim is that the service was not of a military character. And I presume that conclusions drawn from the fact that Mr. Matthis in his declaration that his services were principally against the Tories. But when it is considered that his services were performed in a section so near to Wilmington NC and at a time when the enemy had possession of that place. Now if his services were principally against the Tories, they were urged on and prompted by the main enemy. At the defeat at Rockfish in August 1781, the British were there. And I recollect that most of his service was in NC and one tour in SC and in 1781, the British had procession of Wilmington.

I remain very respectful and your obedient servant

Patrick Murphy

31854

2. 12th June 1841

North Carolina
 Arthur Matthis

Of Duplin Co. in the State of N.C.
 Who was a Pr of Cavy in the Compy commanded
 by Captain Stallings of the Regt commanded
 by Col. in the N.C. line for militia

Inscribed on the roll of North Carolina
 At the rate of 25 Dollars----- Cents per annum
 To commence on the 4th day of March 1831

Certificate of Pension issued this 11th day of June
1841 and sent (?) Patrick
Murphy, Taylor's Bridge, N.C.

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| Arrears to the 4th of March 1841 | \$250.00 |
| Semi-annual allowance ending 4 Sept. | <u>12.50</u> |
| | \$262.50 |

Revolutionary Claim
Act of June 7, 1832