

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Samuel Mathis SC5185
Audited Account No. 4834

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Petition of Samuel Mathis to the Honorable Senate For Compensation for Revolutionary Services

Claims

From 1 st January 1781 to 20 May 1781 is	4 mo.	20 days
From 20 May 1781 to 1 July 1782		
is 12 & 1 mos. 11 Days	is	13
		<u>11</u>
		31 days
From 1 July to 1 Aug. 1782 is	<u>1</u>	
	18	
31 Days equal	<u>1</u>	
	19	

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To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina
The Petition of Samuel Mathis of the town of Camden in said State

Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner is a Citizen of this State born and raised in the same, that he arrived at the age of sixteen a few months before the Declaration of Independence, and was immediately and often afterwards called out and served in the Ranks as a Militia Man in & during the Revolutionary War, that he never refused when called on, and often served as a Volunteer, that when Charleston in this State was besieged by the British Army [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]² under the Command of Lord Cornwallis your Petitioner went as a Volunteer from Camden to the defense thereof, arrived there a Day or two before it was completely invested on or about the 1st of January in the year of our

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number, if any, shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

² Siege of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>
& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

Lord 1781 [sic, 1780] and put himself under the Command of John Chesnut Esquire who was then Captain of the Camden Company of Militia, and served as a private Soldier in the same, and did his Duty regularly & faithfully until the Surrender of the Town on the 12th Day of the May following. That he (with his brother Soldiers of said Company) was detained there until the 20th Day of the same month (May) was then paroled to his place of Residence in & near Camden, that the British Army arrived at Camden within three or four Days after he did, so that he became within their Lines against his will, and was there obliged to remain, and did remain a Prisoner among them on Parole, duly observing and keeping the same until on or about the first of July in the year of our Lord 1782, when he was informed that he was regularly Exchanged. –

Your Petitioner further Sheweth unto your honorable House that on the first Notice of his being exchanged he immediately equipped himself & turned out again a Volunteer in defense of our Country, joined the Camden Company of Mounted Militia under the Command of Lieutenant Henry Bates and marched with them to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army then at the High Hills of Santee, thence up to Statesburgh, thence across the Wateree and Congaree Rivers to the Vicinity of Orangeburg with General Greene's Army, and thence with Generals Sumter [Thomas Sumter] & Marion [Francis Marion] (being detached) to Biggin Church, from whence we drove the British troops and pursued them to Quinby Bridge,³ where we had a very severe Engagement with them, one third of our Company being killed & our gallant Lieutenant was numbered among the slain; five Balls having passed through his Body: The rest of us were marched across Santee, discharged & came on after performing one months Duty.

Your Petitioner begs leave to state and declare to your Honorable House that he has not received Pay or any kind of Compensation for any of the said Services. That he claims none prior to the Siege of Charleston. That he was there four months and twenty days during which his life was in Jeopardy every Day and literally every hour, that he was thirteen months and upwards a Prisoner as above stated within the British Lines, during which he was often insulted & frequently threatened & in great danger so that he narrowly escaped with his life, that he served one month under General Marion as above stated as a private Soldier making in the whole about nineteen months, for which your Petitioner humbly conceives he ought to be paid, with the Interest thereon. –

Your Petitioner does not at present recollect anyone living in this part of the Country that can testify to these Facts on his behalf except it be General Zachariah Cantey,⁴ who was present with him in Charleston, and in the Battle at Quinby Bridge, and was a neighbor and a Prisoner also to the British with your Petitioner. –

Your Petitioner would not ask for Pay or Compensation but is now grown old and infirm, being upwards of threescore & one, and is not able or ample in his circumstances and stands in need of it: He knows not what pay or Compensation he is entitled to but leaves it to the Generosity of your Honorable Body to grant him whatever may seem Benevolent just & right

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Samuel Mathis

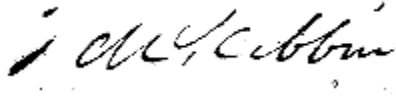
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Mathis". The signature is written in dark ink and is enclosed within a decorative, hand-drawn oval border. The signature is positioned centrally below the printed name.

Sworn to before the committee

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_quinbys_bridge.html

⁴ [Zachariah Cantey SC1173](#)

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I do hereby certify that Mr. Samuel Mathis performed the duty herein mentioned in Charleston during the Siege and returned home and remained there on parole until the General Exchange of Prisoners, and that he likewise performed a month's Tour of duty with General Marion and was in the action at Quinby.

24 November 1821

Zach Cantey



[p 47: Same petition as above except it is addressed to the SC House of Representatives]

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The committee all of Claims to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Mathews [sic] praying compensation for Revolutionary services

Report

That they have had the same under consideration, and Recommend that the prayer thereof be granted, and the sum of \$124.80 be appropriated in and for compensation for the said claim
December 17, 1821

J. McKibbin Chairman