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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Samuel Matthews SC5194
Audited Account No. 4840A

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Petition of Samuel Mathews [sic] praying a pension
pensions
~~rejected~~
Granted

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To the Honorable the Members of the Senate, & of the House of Representatives
of the State of South Carolina

The Humble petition of Samuel Matthews, Sheweth

That he is a native citizen of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina of the age of Sixty eight years, that he has constantly resided from the period of his birth, in Abbeville District where he raised a family who are now dispersed, at a great distance from him, in Several quarters, and unknown to him, that he is left destitute of support except that arising from his daily exertions which are now feeble from age, and rendered more so, from diseases, of acute Rheumatism, and White Swelling the effects of which, are visible, and felt by him in the Right Knee, and Right Shoulder, these United afflictions, have made him in some degree a cripple, Your petitioner further States, that during the Revolutionary war, he was in the ranks of his patriotick countrymen, protecting the property of individuals from Tory depredations & plunder for this purpose he joined a Company commanded by Samuel Reid [Samuel Reed] he subsequently joined the Companies of Captains Irwin [John Irwin] & Patterson [sic, probably Lt. Josiah Patterson], with each of whom, he served one month, these Officers, during the time he served with them were commanded by Major Alex Noble [Alexander Noble], who with General Andrew Pickens, were with Genl. Green [Nathanael Greene] at Bacon's Bridge in the low country of South Carolina. Your petitioner mentions these circumstances not as a claim which he merits in consequence of them, but merely to show his true character, his occupation from early

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youth has been that of a laborer, and of late years, a sewer [?]² of wood, and occasionally other avocations, of the most laborious and oppressive character with a firm reliance upon the benevolence of his native state, he submits, his petition for relief, to the consideration of its enlightened Legislature.

2 November 1829

Samuel Matthews, X his mark

Witnesses in the presence of

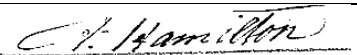
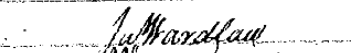
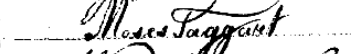

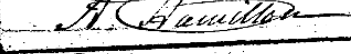


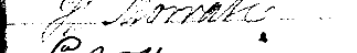
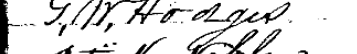
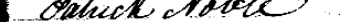
M. B. Clark

Thos. P. Spierin

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South Carolina

Abbeville District} We whose names are hereunto subscribed do hereby certify that we have been acquainted with the petitioner Samuel Mathews, for many years past, and know him to be an old man of truth and honesty, and that he has no property, or other means, whereby he obtains a support, other than that, arising from his daily labour, which now by his advanced age, and infirmities, is not sufficient, without intruding upon the cold charity of others, We therefore earnestly recommend him to the Legislature of the State, as a man, in every respect worthy of their benevolence.

A. Hamilton	
Jas. Wardlaw [James Wardlaw]	
Moses Taggart	
[too faint to discern]	
A. Hamilton	
D. Douglass	
E. S. Davis	
H. Morrate [?]	
G. W. Hodges	
Patrick Noble	

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South Carolina Abbeville District} I Daniel Gillespie³ of the District and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the Petitioner Samuel Mathews is a revolutionary character entitled to the Assistance of his State for support, I knew him to be in the service of the State, under the command of Major Alex Noble & Genl. Andrew Pickens who were with Genl. Greene at Bacon's bridge during the Revolutionary War, that the petitioner has always Sustained the character of an honest man, and a firm patriot and friend of his country. Given under my hand this 2nd day of November 1829

Daniel Gillespie



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³ [Daniel Gillespie \(Gillispie\) S31692](#)

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The State of South Carolina
Abbeville District}

I Daniel Gillespie swear that I knew Samuel Mathews during the Revolutionary war: he was a good Whig, and several times did service in the militia whilst I was in service.

Once we went together, he under Capt. Dawson,⁴ and I under Capt. Jos. Calhoun [Joseph Calhoun] in pursuit of Wm Cunningham [William Cunningham a/k/a William “Bloody Bill” Cunningham] & a gang of Tories, at which time we went through Bate’s Swamp, & were out about 3 weeks, much exposed.

At another time, we went both under Capt. Dawson, and joined Genl. Greene’s Army whilst it was encamped at Bacon’s Bridge, shortly before the close of the war – we went afterwards to Dorchester, & marched backwards & forwards until the British went into Charleston.

Daniel Gillespie

Sworn to 18th November. 1829

Before James Wardlaw, Clk & J. Q.

I know Daniel Gillespie to be a man of good character entitled to full credit In all his statements
W. L. Wardlaw

[p 11: Committee recommended that the petitioner be placed on the pension list in a report dated December 7th, 1829.]

[pp 12-13: Vouchers indicate the annual payment of the sum of \$60 to the petitioner commencing June 1, 1830 with the last voucher being dated June 4, 1834.]

⁴ Probably Capt. Joseph Dawson of the Lower District Regiment
https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot_military_sc_captains.htm