

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathew Dalton W22503

Mary Dalton

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State of South Carolina District of Edgefield: SS

On this the 21st day of November 1838, personally appeared before the Honorable John Belton O'Neill one of the Associate Judges of the Courts of Session and Common Pleas of the State of South Carolina, Mary Dalton, a resident of Edgefield District & State of South Carolina, aged seventy-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836: That she is the widow of Mathew Dalton, who was two years in the revolutionary war, as a private Soldier in the South Carolina Militia under General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and Colonel Samuel Hammond, that he served a part of his time in Georgia as a volunteer under General James Jackson and General Clark [Elijah Clark]; that besides being in several small skirmishes, he was at the taking of Brown's, Greysons [sic, Grierson's]¹ and Galphin's Forts and fought at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781];² that being advanced in years her memory is in this State as to dates and dates, that she cannot say with certainty when her husband the said Mathew Dalton entered the service of his country, but thinks it was sometime in the year 1781; that Colonel Samuel Hammond³ still lives and can testify in part, as to the truth of her declaration.

She further declares that she was married to the said Mathew Dalton sometime in the year 1782, the day and month of which, she cannot fix from a decay of memory, but is certain that her said marriage with the aforesaid Mathew Dalton took place before the last term of his Service expired; that her husband the aforesaid Matthew Dalton died on the 13 day of January 1836 -- and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will appear more fully by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed by making her mark, on the day and year above written before me

S/ John Belton O'Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ Mary Dalton, X her mark

South Carolina Edgefield District: Personally appeared before me, Matthew Gray a Justice of the Quorum, in and for the District aforesaid, Colonel Samuel Hammond, who being duly, and

¹ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

³ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

legally sworn, saith on his oath, that he was well acquainted with the late Mathew Dalton, that he was a Soldier in the War of the revolution, and served as a private in the State troops of South Carolina, under the command of this deponent for a term of at least ten months. This deponent further saith and deposes, that the declaration of Mary Dalton, the wife of the said Matthew Dalton, has been read in his presence, and that he has reason to believe and does believe, that the services of her husband as set forth there, is true. This deponent further saith and deposes, that he is well acquainted with Mary Dalton (whose declaration is hereunto appended) that she is the asserted wife of the said Matthew Dalton, and was so received and regarded by the community in which they resided, and interior to the expiration of the last term of service of him the said Matthew Dalton in the war of the revolution, and continued to be so regarded ever since, during which cohabitation they had several children which are regarded as legitimate. Deponent has no doubt but what they were legally married at some period pending the revolutionary war. This deponent further saith that the said Matthew Dalton died some time in the year 1836, and that his wife Mary Dalton has remained a widow ever since.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 26th of December 1838..

S/ Matthew Gray, QU

S/ S. Hammond



[Veteran's widow was granted a pension in the amount of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for her husband service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia and State Troops.]

[Facts in file: Mary Dalton died July 4, 1840 and Robert R. Hunter was appointed to administer her estate.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Mathis (Matthew) Dalton AA7
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1715A
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Issued the first of October 1782 to Mr. Mathew Daton [sic] late a private in Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hammond's Regiment of State troops for ninety four Pounds Sterling being the Balance of pay and Bounty due him for services rendered in that Regiment together with interest thereon from the 1st of April 1782 to date of Indent: Agreeable to a Resolution of General Assembly of the eleventh day of March last

Principal	£94.0.0
Interest	£6.11.7

Page 307 Book U Issue 12 July 1785 to Mr. Mathew Dalton for four Pounds 5/8 ½ Sterling for Militia duty as Private per Accounts Audited Principal £4.5.8 ½ Interest £0.5.11

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) 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.

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Report of the Comptroller General on the claim of Matthew Dalton

The Honorable the Speaker & other Members of the House of Representatives

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To the Honorable the Speaker and other members of the House of Representatives

The Comptroller General to whom was referred the petition⁵ of Matthew Dalton begs leave to submit the accompanying statement, which exhibits all the information within his Department – He would respectfully observe that although the name is spelled differently he is satisfied that it is intended for the same person, that now petitions.

The Comptroller General begs leave to observe that all claims of this character is in his opinion band by Acts of the Legislature; and that, if they be not, that under the contract entered into between the General Government and the State, that the United States is alone liable for them, and that Congress is the proper resort of the Petitioner.

Respectfully

S/ R. Elmore, Comptroller General

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Report of the Committee of Claims on the Petition of Mathias Dalton [sic] praying Compensation for Revolutionary Services

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Senate, December 15, 1828 Respond that Senate agrees to the report

S/ Job Johnston, C. S. [Clerk of Senate]

[illegibly faint word or words]

Agreed to

Griffin

The Committee of Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Mathias Dalton praying Compensation for Revolutionary Services

Beg leave to Report

That they have duly considered the same and do Respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be rejected

S/ John K Griffin, Chairman

⁵ Unfortunately someone has removed the petition of the veteran from this file. The whereabouts of the petition, if it still exists, is unknown to this transcriber.