

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Medlock (Matlock) ¹ W25701 Mary Matlock f84NC

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State of Tennessee, County of Hawkins: SS

On the 4th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the judge of the Circuit Court of Hawkins County, now sitting, Richard Medlock, a resident of Hawkins County, aged seventy two years, who first being duly sworn according to the law doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to-wit: That on the 18th day of April in the year 1779 in the County of Burke, North Carolina, the declarant volunteered in the company commanded by Capt. John Montgomery in the regiment of militia commanded by Col. Joseph McDowell, and with his said company was marched to Warford's Station in the upper end of Burke County from the lower end of said county where the declarant's father lived and at said station declarant joined Col. McDowell's regiment and continued doing duty at said station in what was called Turkey Cove on the north fork of the Catawba River and in guarding the frontier settlements from the incursion of the Indians and Tories until about the first day of July following when his company was discharged by Col. McDowell. This declarant received from said officer a written discharge by Col. McDowell. States declarant received from said officer a written discharge having served fully three months that time which discharge he has lost.

Shortly after he returned home another call was made for volunteers and this declarant again volunteered in said County of Burke under Captain Henry Reed, and was again placed under the command of Col. Holmes [sic, then Major Robert Holmes] and left home about the 15th of July 1779 and was marched against the Tories in the Counties of Lincoln and Wilkes and after pursuing took many of them prisoners, he with his company was discharged about the middle of October 1779 at the House of Col. Holmes in Burke County having served three months and also having received from him a written discharge which also has been lost.

Again about the first of November 1779 he was induced from the situation of the country, to volunteer under Capt. Reed in said County of Burke and marched with Capt. Reed's company in Col. Holmes regiment into Lincoln and Wilkes Counties marching from one point to another and after being stationed some time at Ramsay's Mill [sic, probably Ramseur's Mill in Lincoln County] he was again marched into Burke where he was again discharged about the first of

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February 1780 by said Col. Holmes and received from him a written discharge which he has also lost.

His country still needing his services he entered as a volunteer the fourth time into the services of the United States about the middle of March 1780 under said Capt. Reed in Col. Holmes Regiment and was marched into the upper part of Burke County and from there into the Counties of Lincoln and Wilkes, where it was difficult to keep down the Tories, and protecting the settlements and after continuing in service and undergoing great fatigue and exposure he was marched into Burke and there discharged by Col. Holmes, from whom he received a written discharge which has also been lost some time ago. This last discharge was given him he thinks about the 20th of June 1780, having served fully three months or more.

And again in the month of June 1781 information having reached the neighborhood where declarant's father resided in the lower part of Burke that Lord Cornwallis was advancing in pursuit of General Greene [Nathanael Greene], declarant volunteered in Capt. Alexander Irwin's [Alexander Irwin's] Company raised in Burke and about the 20th of January was marched to the Catawba River nearly opposite to Salisbury or a little below where said company came under the command of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson], and about the first of February, 1781 a skirmish [Cowan's Ford, February one, 1781]² took place between the militia under General Davidson and Lord Cornwallis' troops as the latter came passing the Catawba at a private ford in which skirmish Genl. Davidson was killed by the enemy which caused the militia to retreat or rather disperse being pursued by Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] at some distance, in which skirmish [Tarrant's Tavern, February one, 1781]³ this declarant was. Some days after this most of the Davidson troops reassembled under the command of Major Pope [? possibly Ezekiel Polk of the Rowan County militia] and this declarant joined his company under the command of Lieutenant Jones and Ensign Noble Alexander [? sic, Nathanael Alexander? of the Rowan County militia] And marched under Major Pope to the lower Moravian Town otherwise called Salem and this declarant was then discharged by Major Pope about the latter part of April 1781 after serving fully three months that time; he also received a discharge from Major Pope which with his others has been lost many years ago.

Again about the first of August 1781 the Indians beginning to be troublesome on the frontiers this declarant entered the service of his country as a volunteer under Capt. William Nail [William Neill] in Burke County and joined Col. McDowell's Regiment of militia at Warfield's Station [sic, Warford's Station?] and remained with said Regiment in duty on the north of the Catawba River, and after remaining on the frontier at the upper end of Burke County until after the first of November following, he, with others, was discharged by Col. McDowell having served three months and which discharge has also been lost with his others—having during the different periods served eighteen months in the most gloomy and difficult period of the Revolutionary War, declarant states that in that part of the State where he lived, the militia (at least those who were true Whigs) were almost continuously on duty in order to protect the settlements from the incursions of the enemy and none of were more troublesome that the Tories who were numerous in that section of the country.

He states that he was born in the County of Granville, North Carolina and he hereby relinquishes his every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any state and states he knows of no person by whom he can prove his said service.

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_tarrants_tavern.html

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ W. B. Mitchell, Clk

S/ Richard Medlock, X his mark

[William C Reynolds, a clergyman, and John Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Hawkins County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Richard Medlock, an applicant for a pension under the Act of 7th June 1832 and who being duly sworn deposeth and saith in addition to the former statement contained in his Declaration hereto annexed, to-wit: that he has a record of his age which was contained in the Bible owned by his, affiant's, father in his lifetime but which Bible is now in the possession of Notley Thomas, the brother-in-law of affiant and which shows that he was born in North Carolina 1761. He states further that he is acquainted with the Reverend William C. Reynolds and John Rogers who have testified to his character, etc. in his declaration and the affiant is acquainted with Lewis Click, Esq. all of whom reside in his neighborhood and many others who would, if necessary, testify as to his character for veracity their belief of his service. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 16th day of May 1833.

S/ Lewis Click, Esq.

S/ Richard Medlock, X his mark

[p 16: On April 24, 1854 in Jackson County Indiana, Mary Matlock, aged 74 years and 2 months and 15 days, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Matlock, a revolutionary war pensioner, who drew his pension while living in Hawkins County Tennessee at the rate of \$60 per annum; that she married him On May 10, 1804; that her husband died November 4, 1847; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 69: On April 24, 1845 in Jackson County Indiana, George W Matlock gave testimony in support of the widow's application. His relationship, if any, to the widow and/or her husband is not stated. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 23: On July 18, 1854 in Jackson County Indiana, John Weddell of said County, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his widow; that he knows of his own knowledge that the veteran and his wife were married May 10, 1804 in Hawkins County Tennessee because he, affiant, was present and saw them married; that the widow Mary Matlock is his sister.



John Weddell

[p 20: On April 4, 1855 in Jackson County Indiana, the widow, then giving her age as 76, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; she states that she married her husband in Hawkins County Tennessee on May 10, 1804; that they were married by a justice of the peace by the name of Absolem Luna; that her name prior to her marriage was

Mary Weddel; that her husband died in Hawkins County Tennessee November 4, 1847. She signed this application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]