

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jeremiah Matthews W4488

Sarah Matthews

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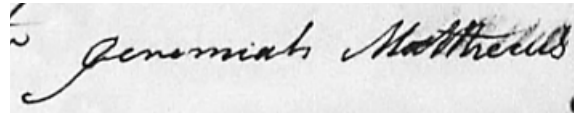
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State of Georgia Newton County: On this 24th day of June in the year 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court for said County now sitting, Jeremiah Matthews, a resident in said County aged 75 years, who being 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, that he entered the Service of the United States in Cumberland County North Carolina, under Lieut. Mark Miot [Mark Myatt], Capt. Adkins [Isaac Adkins], Cavalry Company, and the Regiment commanded by Col. Emmet [James Emmett], in the month of May 1777, that he entered the same as a volunteer, and he took the oath of allegiance to the United States at Cross Creek in said County of Cumberland, before he marched from thence, he served a tour of 9 months, was discharged from the said service in the month of January 1778 (the day of the month of entering & leaving the Service from old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot now remember) -- he does not recollect to have received any written discharge, but if he did the same has been lost or destroyed, he was in no regular engagement, that he was stationed most of the time of the aforementioned service at Cross Creek in said County of Cumberland but marched during said service through to Guilford County he was acquainted with Joshua Hadley who was a regular officer -- the said Jeremiah Matthews further says that afterwards he entered the service again as a volunteer under Capt. Thomas Hadley and Regiment commanded by Col. David Smith in the month of March 1781, that he served the space of 3 months, and was discharged in June 1781, that when he entered in the said last mentioned service that it was in Cumberland County State of North Carolina, at one time he was stationed in Chatham County North Carolina, was not engaged in any general battle, but operated mainly against the Tories, he has no recollection of receiving any discharge -- the said Jeremiah further says that he performed one other 3 months tour as a volunteer in a Cavalry Company commanded by Capt. Guess and the Regiment commanded by Col. William J. Armstrong, that said service was in North Carolina, but from old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot state with particularity anything further of this said last service -- he further says that he has no documentary evidence to support his application other than the certificate hereto annexed, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, he says that he was born in Virginia but in what County he does not recollect that he was born on the 29th day of December 1757 -- there was a record of his age but it has long since been lost or destroyed, that he was living in Cumberland County, North Carolina, when called into service, that he lived in North Carolina from the time of his leaving the service till the

winter of 1783 in the County of Cumberland, that in the winter of 1783 he moved to the State of Georgia Oglethorpe County, he lived many years in said County of Oglethorpe & moved to the County of Clark in said State of Georgia and resided there many years till the winter of 1828, and since the last mentioned time he has lived in the County of Newton in the State of Georgia, that he entered the service as a volunteer -- that he is known to Isham Goss and McKindnee Tucker -- persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and to their belief of his service as a Soldier of the revolution. 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, or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jeremiah Matthews

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeremiah Matthews". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ Wm Conyers, JIC

[McKindnee Tucker, a clergyman, and Isham Goss gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On October 19 1843, Sarah Matthews, 78, a resident of Newton County, Georgia, filed therein a claim for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of Jeremiah Matthews; that they were married in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] North Carolina in the year 1782 (the exact date not recollected); that her husband died August 5, 1842; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Sarah Johnson; when Jeremiah Matthews died in August 1842 he was survived by his widow Sarah and 9 surviving children, 8 of whom were still living as of December 1854; that the widow died December 16, 1850 leaving 8 children surviving her. p 102, Cary Johnson gave an affidavit dated January 1, 1846 in Oglethorpe County Georgia stating that he is the brother of Sarah Matthews, widow of Jeremiah Matthews; that they were married sometime prior to 1794 and that they were married sometime prior to the date on which he, Cary Johnson was married and "by reference to the family record of the ages of his children he finds his oldest child was born the 13th of June in the year 1792." p 105: Elizabeth Gower made oath in Gwinnett County Georgia on October 1, 1844, that she is the sister of Sarah Matthews, widow of Jeremiah Matthews; that she was at their wedding in Johnston County North Carolina and saw been lawfully married in 1782 and the reason she remembers the year is that her sisters marriage took place a very short time before her on marriage.]

[pp. 23-30 family records]

Jeremiah Matthews was born December 22 in the year 1756

Cade Matthews was born December the 17th Monday 1797

Carrygh Matthews was born October the 21 day Chus day [Thursday?] 1800

Salle was born April Monday the 4th day 18__ [last 2 digits illegible]

Gorg Matthews

Gory was born the 3 day year 1801

Philles was born January the 5 [illegible]

Mingo was born August the 7th day the year 1802

Albert Matthews was born March 7 1792

Jeremiah Matthews gunyear was born genewary 26th 1795

Polly Matthews

B[illegible] Matthews was born Gun 29 in the year of 1784

William Matthews was born february the 24 1787

Polle Matthews was born October the 7th 1789

John, George King, Jeremiah, William was bornd the 19th of Sept 1839 ½ past five in the morning & wayed 9 lbs

Nancy Sparkes

Loura Mongit Baker Jurasialy Simms Van Bacon was bornd the 28th day of December 1841 : 20 minutes pass 9 Oclock in the morning on Thursday and wayed at 1 hour old 9 ¾ lbs

L NL B I S V Bacon

Nancy Spankes

James Washington Horace Tunison Bacon was Bornd the 14th of June 1844 on Friday 30 minutes after 8 oclock in fore noon and wayed 10 ½ lbs Doc Spankes

Robert t. J. Walker McLandon was Bord the 23rd of August 1849 ¾ of hour by Sun in the evening N. Spanks

Jeremiah Matthews departed this life the 5th of August 1842 Aged 85 years and 7 mounths and 13 Days

Henritta Bacon Departed this life the 17th of April at 9 O'clock afternon 1847

Sarah Matthews Depared this life the 16th December 1850 at 3 Oc evening

Sarah A. Woods Departed this life the 20th of December 1853 about 2 Oclock

Eliza Catcherrine Anternitt Bacon was Bourned the 15th of November at 6 Oclock in the morning 1830 Grany Cuningham

Mary Francis Bacon was Borneed the 15th June 1833 at 15 Minutes befor twelve oclock in the morning do Cuningham

Nicholas Hobson Bacon, Jr. was Bornd the 24th of May 1835 on Sunday 50 minnets past 9 oclock in the afternoon 10 ½ lbs

do Aycock

Eveiline King Bacon was brond the 26th of July 1837 on Thersday 20 minnet past 7 oclock in afternoon wayed 9 ¼ lbs

do Nancy Sparkes

Cady Mathews was Borneed the 22nd of December 1797

Cary J. Matthews was Borneed the 21st of October 1800

Sarah Matthews Jr. was Borneed the 4th of April on Munday 1803

George a negro was Borneed the 3 of May 1801

Phillis a negro was Borneed the 5th of January 1796

Mingo a negro was Borneed the 7th of August 1802

Nicholas H. Bacon was Borneed 13th March 1801

Sarrah V. Bacon was Borneed the 4th of April 1803

Purliner Pope Bacon was Borneed the 3th of July 1822 Grany Smith

Sturlin Theophilus Bacon was Borneed the 14th of May 1824 do Smith

Sarrah Agness Bacon was Borneed the 6th of September 1826 do Smith

Ofieldder Ann Henretter Bacon was Borneed the 7th of October 1828 Do Cuningham

Jeremiah Matthews was Borneed the 22nd of December 1756 my wife father

Sarah Matthews the wife of J. Matthews was Borneed in the year 1766

Burrell Matthews was Borned the 29th of June 1784
Wm Matthews was Borned the 24th of Febuary 1787
Mary Matthews was Borned the 7th of October 1789
Elbert Matthews was Borned the 7th of March 1792
Jeremiah Matthews Jr was Borned 26th of January 1793
Nicholas H. Bacon & Sarah V. Matthews was Marread the 20 day of December 1820
Perliner P. Bacon was marred the 4th of July 1843
Sterlin T. Bacon was marred the 17th of March 1844
[entry too faint to read except for date 23 July 1848]
Mary F. Bacon was marred 5th of August 1850
Sarah A. Bacon was marred 2nof of Febuary 1851

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$61.87 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, and ending when he died August 5, 1842. His pension was calculated on the basis of 14 months in 25 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.