

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mathews W5131

Nancy Mathews

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Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

On this 7th day of July 1838 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the County and State aforesaid, Nancy Mathews, a resident of Charlotte County, State of Virginia, aged 80 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 4th 1836. That she is the widow of William Mathews, who was a soldier and Corporal of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment; and subsequently, a soldier in the militia service, in the war of the Revolution. That being a woman and not in service, she cannot give a full narrative of her husband's services, as coming within her personal knowledge; but she always understood, and believes the same to be true, that her husband, in the spring of 1776, enlisted under Captain John Brent, to serve for the term of three years in the Continental service, and served the whole term faithfully – That he was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Lawson [Robert Lawson] and General Stevens [Edward Stevens] – That shortly after enlistment, he was made a Corporal in the said Company. That after his return from the Continental Army, he was drafted several times in the militia, was at the battle of Guilford in 1781 [March 15, 1781] and at other battles of considerable importance. She further declares, that she was married to the said William Mathews on the 6th day of May, 1780, by old Parson Johnson of the Episcopal Church, in accordance with the rules of that church, and that the said marriage took place before the expiration of his last period of service. That her husband the aforesaid William Mathews, died about 30 years since, intestate, and that she has remained a widow and has never married, since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Nancy Mathews, X her mark

[Edwin Price, JP and MD gave testimony that the widow is not able to attend court without entry to her health and that she is a credible person.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 19th day of December 1783, in the name of William Mathews, as a Soldier of Infantry for £20.14.9, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Major Read and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
11th day of July 1838.

S/ A. W. Morton, 1st Clk.
Auditor absent

Note – 4 of this name appear in the Registers

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I do hereby certify that in 1776 William Mathews, late of Charlotte, enlisted as a soldier under Captain Brent for 3 years in the Continental service, and served the same faithfully – I further certify, that in the spring of 1781, I was drafted in the Militia under Captain Shelton, and no that William Mathews served 3 months in North Carolina as a militia man, and was at the battle of Guilford – I am in the 78th year of my age, and recollect that Nancy Hundley married the said William Mathews about the 6th of May 1780 by old Parson Johnson of the Episcopal Church – and that the said Nancy Mathews is still a widow, and has never married since the death of said William Mathews. Given under my hand this 11th day of July, 1838 –

S/ William P Hamlett¹



Virginia Charlotte County to wit

I William Vaughan² of Charlotte do hereby certify, that William Mathews, late of Charlotte, was a Corporal in the revolutionary War. He enlisted under Captain John Brent in January or February 1776 and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Lawson and General Stevens. The company first marched to Portsmouth, and thence marched to the North where we joined the main Army under General Washington. The said Mathews was in the same company that I was, and served more than 3 years successively as coming within my own personal knowledge, for I was with him nearly the whole time: he received an Honorable discharge – He was also engaged in battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] &c. I am in the 89th year of my age, was a soldier of the Continental line and am now a Pensioner of the United States. Dated first April 1837.

S/ William Vaughan

Executive Department August 1, 1838

The following is a true copy of a paper filed in this Department

S/ William H Richardson, Secretary

September 5th, 1776

Received of Edmund Read first Lieut. to Captain John Brent's Company of Regulars each of us that he sum of fifty shillings in full of our wages from the 28th day of July to the 28th day of August

William Mathews
David Jones
Robert Smith
William Johnson
Thomas Holt

¹ FPA S13305

² [William Vaughan S14754](#)

Ambrose Madison

Witness Joseph Holt

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

I James Mullings³ of Charlotte do hereby certify, that William Mathews late of Charlotte, enlisted in the spring of 1776, under Captain Brent of Charlotte for the term of 3 years, and served that period faithfully, and was attached to the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Lawson and General Stevens. That shortly after enlistment, was made Corporal in the company, and acted as such until his term expired. I further certify that he was married to Nancy Hundley about the 6th of May 1780, shortly after his return from the northern Army, and that his widow is still alive, in the County of Charlotte. That in the early part of 1781, the said William Mathews marched from the County of Charlotte in the Militia, and was engaged in the battle of Guilford, and rendered other service, (I have understood) after his marriage. These facts are within my personal knowledge, being a soldier at the time – I am in the 87th year of my age. Given under my hand this 9th day of July 1838.

S/ James Mullings

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Mullings". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes at the end of the name.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 10-page file

[Note: this file contains affidavits from Hamlett, Mullings and Vaughan in which they give the same testimony as above. There is a petition by the heirs of William Mathews seeking the bounty land due him for his service in the VA line. The petition is signed by Nancy, Mary and William Mathews—their relationship to the veteran is not stated other than their claim to be the heirs of the veteran.]

³ FPA S10251