

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mattingly W5346

Dykeander Mattingly

f43VA

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Virginia Prince William County to wit:

On this 2nd day of March 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court in the State aforesaid personally appeared John Mattingly aged 58 Years resident in the County of Prince George in the said State being one of the Counties in my Judicial Circuit, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary War:" That he the said John Mattingly enlisted in [on] November 6th 1776 in the said County in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Charles Gallahue of the Virginia Troops in the Continental Establishment in the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan, General William Woodford's Brigade, that he the said Mattingly continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the Service of the United States until November 3rd, 1779 when he was discharged from the service near West Point in the State of New York that he was in the Battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777], German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and others; and that he is in reduced Circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support; and that he has produced evidence of his said Services. Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm A. E. Dade

I further certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said John Mattingly is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support. And I also certify that Cornelius Kincheloe¹ of the County of Fairfax came before me and made oath in due form that he joined the American Army as a Volunteer on the day of the Battle of German Town, that he continued some time in the Army and during that time he knew the above John Mattingly, who was a regular soldier in Woodford's Brigade in a company commanded by Lieutenant Jesse Davis – and the said affiant has reason to believe and verily does believe that the said John Mattingly continued to serve in the Army of the United States at least 3 years.

Given under my hand & seal the day and year above.

S/ Wm A. E. Dade

Prince William County Court October 3rd 1820

¹ No veteran by this name is listed in the federal pension records. Consequently, this may be the only evidence of this veteran service.

Prince William County to wit

On the 2nd day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County John Mattingly aged 59 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, November the 6 1776 I John Mattingly enlisted under Charles Gallahue of the County of Prince William which said Captain died before we marched and I then marched from Dumfries Prince William County under Jesse Davis of said County I joined the Army at Bon Brook and I served in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan being the 11th Virginia Regiment and was transferred to the command of Captain Rice in whose company I served, and was discharged, from November the 3rd 1779 and in the Virginia line, the date of my original declaration is the 2nd day of March 1819 the number of my pension certificate is 10,642. I was in the battles of Brandywine, German Town and Monmouth, and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule of property

Real Property none, Personal property one old Bureau one dozen and one chairs, two tables, two pots, one oven, one chest, one batteau [bateau] & some old lumber to the value of perhaps \$10 the names of which lumber I am at a loss to give, my occupation is at present that of keeping a Toll Bridge at Occoquan, how long I shall stay I can't say. I may be discharged at any day. If I was certain to remain keeper of the Bridge I could attend to it, But when I am sent from there my dependents will be upon cultivating land by which I cannot support myself being old and having partly lost the use of my right arm.

My wife whose name is Dykander is the only one of my family residing with me she will be 60 years of age in November to the best of my knowledge & believe she is very infirm and contributes nothing to the support of either of us.

S/ John Mattingly²

Sworn to & declared on the 2nd day of October 1820 before the Court.

The property mentioned in the foregoing Schedule valued by the Court at \$30.

Sworn to in open Court October 2nd 1820

S/ [illegible signature of the clerk]

² The handwriting of the signature is identical to the body of the document itself, consequently I do not think it is the actual signature of the veteran but merely connotes that he did in fact signed the original application. However, a letter dated October 25, 1820 from the veteran to JL Edwards, Commissioner of pensions, appears to be in the same handwriting and also purports to be signed by the veteran with no indication that it was written for him by someone else. Consequently, it is possible that the veteran rolled out his 1820 application in his own handwriting. The signature appearing on the 1820s a letter is as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Mattingly". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "John" is written in a large, flowing script, and "Mattingly" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script. The signature is underlined with a thick, dark horizontal line.

it matches the signature on the 1820 application.

[p 12: On August 6, 1838 in Prince William County Virginia, Dekander Mattingly, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Mattingly, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him March 6, 1781; that her husband died in July 1824. She signed her application with her mark. Her signature is written as "Dykeander Mattingly."]

[Facts in file: The widow died February 22, 1844; her son-in-law Samuel H Fisher was a resident of Occoquan Virginia in 1844; the name of his wife is not stated.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 2nd, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]