

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthew Pate (Pale) W5490

Drusilla

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State of Virginia County of Halifax

On this the 20th day of September 1839 personally appeared before me James M. Chappell an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Drusilla Pate 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 the 7th 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and Pensions to certain Widows, That she is the widow of Matthew Pate who was a private Soldier in the Virginia State Line Army of the revolution the affiant states that her Husband Matthew Pate deceased resided in the County of Halifax State of Virginia when he enlisted a private Soldier, She further states that she is not able to recollect the precise date of her Husband's enlistment but supposes it was about the year 1779; nor the various movements of the Army at the time he was in the service as he was a long time in the service and was necessarily marched to various places, She states also that she has often heard her deceased Husband mentioned the movements of the Army at the time he was in the service but she is unable to recollect the particulars, but would refer to the Hon. Department to the Rolls of the Virginia State line Army of the revolution for a full knowledge of the services of her deceased Husband Matthew Pate, She further states that she was married to the said Matthew Pate deceased on the 9th day of December 1784 in the year 1784, that her Husband the aforesaid Matthew Pate died on the 2nd day of November 1828, That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

S/ Drusilla Pate



[f p. 7: On September 20, 1839 in Halifax County Virginia, Samuel Pate testified that Matthew Pate died November 2, 1828 and that his widow Drusilla Pate has never remarried. The relationship, if any, of Samuel Pate to the veteran is not stated.



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[f p. 4: family record:

Matthew Pats Book price 14/08 Was Born in 1762 & married to his wife Drusilla Hopson the 9

of December 1784 she was born 1764 March the 5th
My first son was born the 20 day of September 1785;
My Susannah was born the 4 day of April 1787
My next son Thomas born the 26th of September 1789
Samuel was born the 11th of August 1791
Anderson was born the 7 day of June in 1793
Polley was born the 7 day of December 1798
my son Anderson departed this life on the 19 day of October 1811 &
Thomas the 16 of September 1821]

[f p. 34]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State 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 5th day of June 1783, in the name of Matthew Pate, as a Soldier of Infantry for £66.16.10, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
3rd day of August 1839.

S/ A. M. Morton, Sr. Clk. AUDITOR absent

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to certify that Matthew Pate enlisted as a Soldier in the State Garrison Regiment June 10, 1778 & continued in service until June 10, 1781 at which time he was discharged –
June 2, 1783

S/ D. Mann, Lt. S. L.

A Copy

S/ J. Shackelford, C. B. A.