

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Matlock (Medlock)W8409 Martha Matlock f21NC

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State of Kentucky County of Livingston: SS

On this Eighth day of September personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County of Livingston in the State of Kentucky Nathaniel Matlock a resident of Livingston County in the State of Kentucky, aged eighty-nine years and eight months (according to his Statement) 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 is a native of Hanover County in the State of Virginia, but removed at an early age to Granville County North Carolina and was married and had two children before the disturbances broke out; That his first service was in what he believes to have been the first regular call of Militia in his section of Country. The colony of Scotch which was settled at or near Cross Creek and suddenly risen against the State and been defeated [Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776]¹ by General Caswell [Richard Caswell] -- but was still sufficiently strong to require watching. The call of Militia in which deponent rendered his first service was detailed for that duty; His company was marched to a place called Cross Creek (since called Fayetteville) Micajah Bullock was Capt. and __ Folsom [probably Israel Folsome] was Col.

His second tour of duty he was under Capt. Maurice Roney; his company which was a part of the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene] was detailed and marched towards Salisbury to build a stockade. After remaining here some time Deponent exchanged into the Company of Capt. Cole [William Cole] and marched off to Catawba under the command of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson]; -- an engagement with Cornwallis ensued and General Davidson was killed and his command dispersed [Cowan's Ford, February one, 1781].²

His next service was under Capt. William Lytle and Lieut. Moore with the twelve months man under the command of General Greene. There was much marching and countermarching the enemy or the Tories being generally either present or close by and in force -- Most of the year however was spent on or about the high hills of Santee. Deponent was present at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]³ and assisted in saving the baggage of the Army. -- His

¹ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/moorescreek.htm>. & <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/760227.htm>

² <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/cowansfd.htm>.<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810201b.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

³ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810908.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

service in all amounted to something less than two years -- say one year and six months. It would have been nine but for the defeat and death of General Davidson and the dispersion of his Command: --

And said Deponent is not aware of any documentary evidence that it may be in his power to produce or of any person whose testimony touching the facts above stated can be procured (save that of his wife who is still alive and with him).

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.

S/ Nathaniel Matlock, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ David Brown, JP

[James Johnson, a clergyman, and James McCawly gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Answers to the seven interrogatories propounded to Nathaniel Matlock by David J. Brown as per orders of the Department of War

Answer 1st -- I was born in Hanover County in the State of Virginia, in what year I do not certainly know except that according to my account I shall be ninety years of age if I see next December.

Answer 2nd -- I have not -- But my father had in North Carolina

Answer 3rd -- I was living in Granville County in North Carolina when I was first called into service -- I have since resided in East Tennessee, in Alabama and in Kentucky -- I have been sixteen years or thereabout in Livingston County or about the lower end of Tennessee River

Answer 4th -- Upon the first occasion I volunteered, after that I was drafted. I never went as a Substitute for any other person.

Answer 5th -- Besides the officers already mentioned there was a Major Armstrong; I remember also Col. Washington [William Washington] who was cut down and taken by the enemy at the Eutaw Springs -- and Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of the Legion Cavalry

Answer 6th -- I never received but one and that was from Capt. Roney when I exchanged into Cole's company and left the stockade to go and fight Cornwallis I left it at my father's more than fifty years ago and have heard nothing of it since.

Answer 7th -- I know Squire McCawley & Squire Brown & Dr. Johnson & Mrs. Gordon and Wills -- and nearly all the people of the neighborhood all of whom can and I doubt not will testify promptly and distinctly in favor of my character & standing and general conduct during the sixteen or seventeen years that I have been living here.

S/ Nathaniel Matlock, X his mark

[p 7: On February 19 1842, Martha Matlock, 92, filed for a widows pension in Livingston County Kentucky stating that she is the widow of Nathaniel Matlock; that she had 2 children, Dolly the oldest who is now 72 and Usly the youngest a suckling babe at the time her husband entered the service and now grown and living in Alabama; that she and her husband removed to the Brushy Mountains prior to his second term of service; that she and her husband had a total of thirteen children; that her husband received a pension for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$60 a year; that she married him September 1, 1769 but has no certificate of their marriage; that he died April 5, 1838 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, that Nathaniel Medlock a private in Capt. Lytle's [William Lytle's] company of the 10th Regiment⁴ enlisted the 6th of June 1781 for 12 months, and was "omitted in 1781."

Given under my hand this 18th of June 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[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 Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing April 5, 1838.]

⁴ J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 1st NC Regiment. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_m.html and search for "Matlock, Nathaniel."