

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthias (Matthew, Mather) Mount¹ W8470 Dinah Mount f84VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 7/29/13

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15 day of May 1828 I Matthias Mount of Lansing County of Tompkins and State of New York do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until termination at which period I was a private in Captain Joseph Swearingen's Company in the Eighth Regiment of the Virginia line. And I also declare that I received a Certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1777.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

Subscribed & sworn this 27 day of August 1828 before me
S/ David Woodcock, Commissioner S/ Mathias Mount, X his mark

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State of New York Tompkins County: SS

Mathias Mount of the town of Lansing in the County of Tompkins on this 26 day of May 1829 personally appeared in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas holden in and for said County in said State of New York constituted a Court of Record by the laws of the said state, with power to hear, try and determine all actions real personal and mixed arising in said County and also all transitory actions although the same may not have arisen within said County and with other powers, Aged seventy-three years on the 8th day of August 1829 who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 16th [sic, 18th] of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Mathias Mount enlisted for the term of three years on the 24th or 25th day of December 1776 at Shepherdstown in the County of Bartley [Berkeley] and State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain __ Mitchell in the 12th Regiment of the Standing Army of said State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment: but the name of the Colonel commanding said Regiment at the time of his Enlistment he cannot now recollect: but that soon after his Enlistment Captain Mitchell was promoted to the office of Colonel and Lieutenant Swearingen promoted to the office of Captain of the Company in which he enlisted as aforesaid: that he continued to serve in said Corps until after the battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777] when the said Regiment was reduced and the aforesaid Company in which this deponent was

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private attached to the 8th Regiment of Virginia Troops under the command of said Colonel Mitchell: that he continued to serve in said Regiment last named until about the first of December 1780 when he was discharged from the service near Morristown New Jersey. That he never before prosecuted to Government a Claim for a pension or exhibited a Schedule of his property for that purpose because he has until within the last seven years been able to labor for his support. That about seven years since he was attacked with a fever by reason of which he was confined to his room for about one year – That in consequence of his sickness he was at that time compelled to pay large sums of money for medical attendants and subsistence for himself and family and that since the Expiration of the said Year, though he has been able to be about, yet from the Rheumatism with which he has been and is now sorely afflicted he has not been able to perform a day's labor since and consequently for the support of himself and family for the last seven years he has been subjected to enormous bills of expense which he had no way of defraying save the income of eighty acres of land about forty acres of which is under improvement. That from the income of his said farm of eighty acres line he has been able to pay but and in considerable part of the necessary and unavoidable expense of furnishing himself and family with the necessities of Life – And that in order to defray his said expenses he has been obliged to loan money for which and full goods, wares and merchandise furnished for this declarant and family he executed to Calvin Burr & Nathan Burr of said town of Lansing a mortgage on said eighty acres of land to secure the payment of \$572,60 which said mortgage bears date February 1826. That for 7 ½ acres of land being part of said eighty acres and on which is situated a house, barn and small orchard and for which this declarant has a warrant Deed he agreed to pay to one Christopher Prost the sum of \$300 which together with the above mentioned sum of \$572.60 is now due and owing from this declarant. That he is indebted to Doctor Dyer Foote of said town of Lansing in the sum of \$29.26 for medical attendants to him the said Doctor Dyer Foote – And that he is indebted to Abijah Miller Esquire in the sum of \$25 for cost due him as an attorney – And that he is indebted to John D Christie in the sum of \$8.09 4 leather sold by said Christie to this declarant. That the true amount of debts now actually due from this declarant is \$934.95 as above specified.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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. That since the 18th of March 1818 there has been no material change in my property except as above stated.

S/ Mathias Mount, X his mark

The following is a List and true inventory
and schedule of all the Estate both Real and
Personal of Matthias Mount a Soldier of the Revolution

Real Estate thirty acres of Land at \$10. per acre	\$300.00
Personal Estate, the buff and bedding	2 \$9. 18.00
1 Dozen Earthen Plates	1.00
5. Six Axes & Sawers & one bowl	.50
2 iron kettles one broken iron pot	3.00
3 Axes at \$12. each \$36. - 3 sters at \$35.	71.00
in ship \$3.00 - one Wagon \$25.	28.00
	<u>\$1021.50</u>

In presence of
D. Woodcock
Matthias Mount
his
Mark

State of New York Tompkins County: SS

Mathias Mount of the Town of Danby in the County of Tompkins (late of Lansing in said County []) on this 9th day of June 1830 personally appeared in open Court in a Circuit Court and Court of Oyer & Terminer holden at the Court House in Ithaca in and for the said County of Tompkins in the Sixth Judicial District of the State of New York constituted a Court of Record by the laws of said State with power to hear try and determine all actions, real and personal and mixed arising in said County of Tompkins and all transitory actions although the same may not have arisen within said County & with other powers, Aged seventy-four years on the 8th day of August 1830 who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration amendatory to his declaration of the 26th of May 1829 hereto annexed in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 16th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820; That he the said Mathias Mount Enlisted in the service of the Revolutionary War for the term of three years on the 24th or 25th day of December 1776 at Shepherdstown in the County of Bartley [Berkeley] and State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain __ Mitchell in the 12th Regiment of the Standing Army of said State of Virginia commanded by Colonel James Wood in the Continental establishment; that after his enlistment as aforesaid he marched with said Company to Boundbrook where said Company joined the Army and was attached to said Colonel James Wood's Regiment; that after his said Enlistment Captain Mitchell was promoted to the office of Colonel and Lieutenant Swearingen promoted to the office of Captain of said Company; that he continued to serve as a private in said Colonel James Wood's Company until the Battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777] where the aforesaid Regiment and the 8th Virginia Regiment were cut in pieces & reduced or consolidated and the aforesaid Company in which this declarant was a private continued in the service in the Regiment known as the 8th Virginia Regiment under the command of Colonel __ Mitchell that he this declarant continued to serve in said last mentioned Regiment until about the first of December 1780 when he was

discharged from the service near Morristown in the state of New Jersey, that he the declarant was during his service as aforesaid has since been and is still known as well by the name of Matthew or Mather Mount as by his true name Mathias Mount. That he never has been placed upon the Pension rolls or prosecuted Government a claim for a Pension or Exhibited any Schedule of his property for that purpose other than the one hereto annexed which was required to be amended as appears from a letter from the War Department dated March 19, 1830 also hereto annexed. That he neglected to present to Government a Claim or Exhibit a Schedule for a Pension for the reasons stated in the aforesaid declaration all claim hereto annexed and marked "21.202."

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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, – That on the day of the date of my said declaration and Schedule hereto annexed and marked as aforesaid I was justly and honestly indebted to the several persons therein respectively named in the sum of \$934.95 for the consideration therein specified; that since the said date of my aforesaid declaration and schedule and on the 25th day of April 1830 I did for and in consideration of \$1000 conveyed by Deed to one Zenas Gibbs all my real the state being ninety acres of land mentioned in the aforesaid declaration and schedule hereto annexed as exemplified Copy of which said deed is hereto annexed. That of the monies received by me in consideration of the execution of the aforesaid Deed to Zenas Gibbs six hundred and seven dollars has been paid to Calvin and Nathan Burr on the Bond and Mortgage, Judgments, promissory notes and book account mentioned in the aforesaid declaration an affidavit thereto annexed as debts due at that time from this declarant to the firm of E & N Burr and of Calvin Burr & Co. which said mortgage (as Exemplified Copy of which hereto annexed) Judgments, promissory notes and amounts remain due and unpaid until the said 3rd day of April 1830 and the same drawing lawful interest until paid. That the further sum of \$26 has been paid to Abijah Miller Esquire at that time from this declarant which said note remained on interest and do and unpaid until the said 3rd of April 1830. That the further sum of \$15 has been paid to Dyer Foote on a Judgment recovered by said Foote against this declarant on the notes mentioned in the aforesaid declaration and affidavit which was actually due and unpaid; and the balance of which Judgment & calls being about \$23 yet remain due and unpaid to the said Foote – That all the debts mentioned in said declaration and affidavits except the debts to C & N Burr, Abijah Miller, and the \$15 to Dyer Foote yet remain due and unpaid which amount to \$324.85 exclusive of interest and calls which have accrued thereon. That the remaining part of the aforesaid sum of \$1000 the consideration money in the aforesaid Deed has been paid and expended for the support of this declarant and his family since the date of the aforesaid declaration, for cost and medical attendance since that time which this declarant has under the necessity of paying and for a span [?] of horses and wagon mentioned in my inventory hereto annexed. That I the said declarant have since the date of my said declaration been, and still am wholly unable to labor for my support – And that I the said declarant 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 that above in this my declaration mentioned and that contained in the Schedule to this Declaration annexed and by me subscribed, that since the 18th of March 1818 there has been no material change in my property except as above stated.

Sworn before me in open court this 8 day of June 1830

S/ Samuel Love Clerk

S/ Mathias Mount, X his mark

The following is a just and true inventory and schedule of all of the estate both real and personal of Mathias Mount a soldier of the Revolutionary War

Real Estate none

Personal property,	one span of Horses	\$60.00
	3 cows	30.00
	3 calves	10.00
	2 beds, bedsteads & bedding	14.00
	4 old chairs	.75
	an old wagon & harness	25.00
	one old table and Stand	.50
	4 old iron pots & kettles	2.00
	one old chest & truck	1.50
	2 tea pots	.50
	one pewter dish	1.00
	12 earthen plates	1.12
	6 knives & forks	.75
	two pails	.50
	one churn	.50
	three tin cups	.18
	5 tin basins	.31
	one hog	1.50
	one old Loom	<u>3.00</u>
		\$153.11

S/ Mathias Mount, X his mark

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The Bearer here of Matthias Mount Served three years in the Continental Army under my Command and behaved as a good Soldier, he is at Present and Inhabitant of the State of New Jersey where he means to return, he has been in this Place to obtain his Depreciation of Pay while in the Army, for which he has received a Certificate, with five years Interest in Specie.

Given at Richmond this 16th April 1787

S/ James Wood

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[p 25: On February 14, 1853 in Tompkins County New York, Dinah Mount, 66, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Mathias Mount, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him May 27, 1820 in Lansing, Tompkins County New York; that they were married by the Reverend Zenas Conger; that her husband died in Danby in Tompkins County New York June 11, 1847.

Dinah Mount]

[p 27: On May 24, 1855 in Tompkins County New York, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement under the 1855 act stating that her name prior to her marriage was Dinah Fortner.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 3, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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

I do Certify that Mathias Mount enlisted in the 12th Virginia Regiment on the 12th day of January 1777 for 3 years & that he was legally Discharged at the end of the Term of his enlistment.
Given under my hand this 4th day of April 1784.

S/ Abraham Shepherd
Capt. 7th Virga. Regt.

Please Deliver Captain Shepherd the Certificate for my Land Warrant & Oblige yours
April 4th, 1784

Colonel Meriwether

S/ Mathias Mount, X his mark