

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Mathews R7031

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of Georgia Crawford County: SS

On this the thirteenth day of January 1845 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior court of said County now sitting Philip Mathews a resident of Crawford County State of Georgia aged about Eighty-three years, who being 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 entered the service as a drafted Militia man in the United States Service and served as herein stated. That he entered the service under Captain William Robb, Colonel John Pierson [John Pearson of the Kershaw Regiment?] Command the Regiment in the South Carolina Militia from Fairfield District he thinks in the month of May 1781 for a three months tour, and served out his time faithfully. And was discharged about the first of August, that year but he received no written discharge. That he again entered the Service 1782 for a three months Tour as a drafted Militia man, under Captain William Hughs and commanded by Colonel John Pierson he served a Tour of three months and was discharged but received no written discharge. That he resided in the State of South Carolina Fairfield district when he entered the Service that he marched from his residence to Orangeburg Tour house about Eighty miles distance, the first Tour and was Stationed there during the Tour, but was ordered on a number of expeditions in the Surrounding Country during the time. The Second Tour, he was marched from his residence to a place called the four holes or the four holes Bridge about the distance of Eighty miles, where he was stationed and remained during the three months, except, occasional expeditions in the surrounding Country: that he has no documentary evidence by which to prove the above narrated Services but can prove them by one living witness to wit, one Thomas Nelson¹ now residing in the County of Pike in the State of Georgia and whose testimony he begs leave here with to submit.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

1st Answer. I was born in Buckingham County in the State of Virginia, and to the best of my recollection in the year 1760.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

2nd A. I recollect having seen a record of my age but it has long since been lost or destroyed.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the

¹ [Thomas Nelson R7592](#)

Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

3rd A. I was living in Fairfield District South Carolina when I was called into the service each time. I lived in Fairfield District South Carolina until about the year 1824, at which time I moved to Crawford County Georgia, where I have lived up to the present time.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

4th A. I was drafted each time and did not volunteer or a substitute

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

5th A. While we were stationed at Orangeburg General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] General Winn and General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] all visited our camps I suppose for the purpose of inspecting our troops Colonel Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment or a part of it were there (of the militia) there were no Continental troops with us as he now recollects while stationed at or near Orangeburg. When General Greene came he commanded ordered a Siege by Stratagem maneuvered in such manner as to induce the enemy to believe that we were sufficiently strong to storm there fortress by mounting pieces of wood & which he intended should appear to the Enemy as field pieces. And in a short time the enemy surrendered the fortress and themselves as prisoners of war, some of the prisoners were paroled and the remainder marched to Camden as near as I can recollect.²

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

6th A. I never received a regular written discharge. Our company received an oral discharge each tour and each time by relief taking our place.

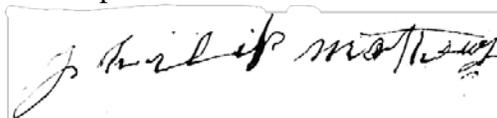
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

7th A. I am known to Patrick M. Calhoun and Philip J. Echols

And he hereby relinquishes all and 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. Sworn to and subscribed

Test:

S/ Philip Mathews



S/ Thomas C. Howard JIC

S/ Lewis F. Hicks, JIC

S/ John B. Grace, JIC

[Patrick M. Calhoun, a clergyman, and Philip J. Echols gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia Pike County: Personally appeared before me Hartford Green an acting Justice of the Inferior Court of said County Thomas Nelson who after being duly sworn deposeseth and saith that he is well acquainted with Philip Mathews the applicant for a pension in the petition to

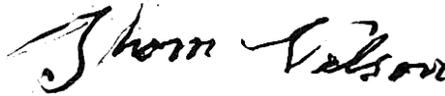
² Veteran appears to be describing the engagement at Rugeley's Mill, December 4, 1780.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_rugeley_mills_2.html

which this affidavit is appended. That he knew him in the State of South Carolina Fairfield district during the Revolutionary war and that the said Philip Mathews serve in Winn's Regiment in favor of the United States against the British and Tories during said war and has always born the name of a Revolutionary Soldier. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 2nd day of January in the year of our Lord 1845.

S/ Hartford Green, JIC

S/ Thom Nelson



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Comptroller General's Office
Columbia South Carolina April 28/45

Book S

Indent 270} Issued the 14th of June 1785 Mr. Philip Mathews for Eleven Pounds two Shillings and ten pence farthing Sterling, for one hundred fifty-six days Militia Duty in 1781 and 1782 per Account Audited

Principal £11:2:10 ¼
Annl. Inst. £0: 15:7

I certify the above to be a true copy from the Records in this office.

For Comptroller General
[illegible signature]

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Comptroller General's Office
Columbia South Carolina
November 2nd, 1852

No. 270

Book S} Issued the 14th of June 1785 Mr. Philip Mathews for Eleven Pounds two Shillings and ten pence farthing Sterling, for one hundred fifty-six days Militia Duty in 1781 and 1782 per Account Audited

Principal £11:2:10 ¼
Annl. Inst. £0: 15:7

270 No. 34 S

Mr. Philip Matthews his account of 156 days militia duty in 1781 & 1782 amounting to £11:2:10 ¼

1781 The State of South Carolina to Philip Mathews Dr

July To service done part under Capt. Thomas

Parrot and part under Capt. Anderson Thomas

Capt. Parrot's Company Col. Winns [Richard Winn's] Regiment at

Congaree's &c 25 days @ 10S £12:10:0

December To service done under Lt. William Robb Capt. Durham's [Charnal Durham's]

Company Col. Winn's Regiment at Orangeburg 66 days at 10S £33.0.0

1782 To service done under Lt. Thomas Amonen [Thomas Ammen]

May Capt. Durham's Company Col. Winn's Regiment at

4 Holes 35 days at 10S £17.0.0

Augt. To service done under Captain Andrew Gray, Captain Durham's Company Colonel Winn's Regiment Edisto Fort 30 days at 10S		£15.0.0
	former Currency	£78.0.0
	Sterling	£11.2.10 ¼

South Carolina Camden District: Before me Philip Pearson Esquire personally appeared the above named Philip Mathews who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the contents of the above Account is just and true and that he have never received any Pay or other satisfaction for the said services.

Sworn to the 3rd day of March 1784 before

S/ Phil. Pearson

S/ Phl. Matthews, X his mark

I do hereby certify that the above account of service done is just and true
(signed) Jn. Pearson, Majr.

Rec'd 2d April

Gentlemen Please to deliver on to the bearer hereof Victor Neeley my Public Indent together with the interest do you thereon to bring to me and his receipt shall be sufficient Discharge from your most Obedient Humble Servant (Signed) Philip Mathews

To Messrs Bocquett &c.

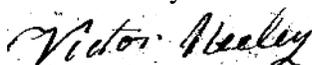
Public Treasurers

The above ordered duly executed before me September 10th, 1784

(signed) Jn. Pearson JP

Received 14 June 1785 full satisfaction for this ap. In Indent No. 270 Lib S p order

Victor Neeley

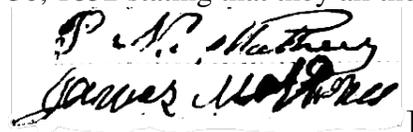


I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy as taken from the records of this Office.

For Comptroller General

S/ James A Black, Dep.

[p 8: Philip M [or N] Matthews and James Matthews filed a power of attorney dated November 30, 1852 stating that they all the children and heirs of Philip Mathews.



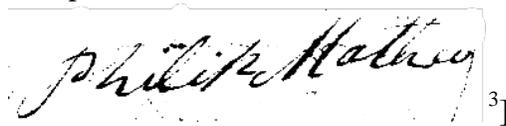
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Printed list of Rejections printed in 1850 to give cause of rejection as follows: "Service proved by records of South Carolina 156 days, not enough.["]

[Note: The above documents contain the material documents on file with the South Carolina Archives in its Account Accounts files. This veteran's file is Audited Account number 4828A. On the reverse of the Indent No 279 Book S appears, among others, the following endorsement:

Received February the 20th 1788 of Joshua Badger the full amount of the within Indent &

Interest I do assign over to him the said Joshua Badger all my right and title to the same.
Philip Mathews

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Mathews". The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box. To the right of the box, there is a small superscripted number "3" followed by a closing square bracket "]", indicating a footnote reference.

³ The Indent cut removed the 's' from the veteran's signature]