Pension Application of William Methany S18122
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State of Virginia,
Augusta County, to wit,

On this 27th day of October 1832, personally appeared before the Court of
Augusta County, William Matheny, a resident of the said County, in the State aforesaid, aged
Seventy three years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make
the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of
Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 for the term of three
years, with Cap. Francis Willis [company raised 14 Jan 1777], & served in the 16th Regiment of
the Virginia line, under the following named Officers:

Col. William Grayson
Lieut. Col. [Levin] Powell
Cap. Francis Willis
1st Lieut. Christopher Greenup
2d “ Cato Moore
Ensign John Linton

This affiant further states that he resided on the Shenandoah River, in the County
of Berkeley in the state of Virginia, & that he entered the service in the same county:
That he marched from thence to Leesburg, & from there to Philadelphia, by way of Alexandria;
From Philadelphia, he went to the Cross Roads, & there joined the main army under Genl.
Washington. He was afterwards in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], where he received a
wound in the left leg, & was taken prisoner; That he was paroled [released on oath not to bear to
arms until exchanged] on the ground, & taken to Lancaster in Pennsylvania, where he remained
until he got well; That he always held himself in readiness to rejoin the army as soon as he
should hear of his being exchanged, but never having received that information, and never
having been again required to join the army, he did not suppose himself at liberty to do so, &
therefore did not do it. In consequence of this, he never received any regular discharge.

This affiant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or an annuity, except
the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. [signed] William Methany

NOTE: Methany was allowed pension of $20.44 per year for the six months and four days in
which his name appeared on muster rolls. Correspondence in his file indicates that he petitioned
Congress for an increase, but apparently without success.