

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Mathew Tate S11508

VA

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State of Virginia } S.S.
County of Rockingham }

On this 17th day of March 1834 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Rockingham County, now sitting, Matthew Tate a resident of the County of Rockingham, & state of Virginia, aged about 73 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 1780, with Thomas Mountjoy (called Col. Mountjoy) and served in the 2nd Regiment of the Virginia line, under the following named officers: He resided in Stafford County Virginia, and early in the year 1780 as well as he now recollects, enlisted for the term of 18 months; under the above named Thomas Mountjoy, who was engaged in the recruiting service, and was styled "Colonel," but in what service or line he cannot say further than above. From Stafford he marched to Fredericksburg, Richmond, Petersburg and Chesterfield Ct. House, where he was regularly enrolled and sworn in as a soldier. From Fredericksburg to Chesterfield, the detachment was under the command of Col. Hawes [Samuel Hawes BLWt1066-450] – at the latter place General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens VAS1922] had command. From Chesterfield they marched to Cheraw Hills [SC, Jan 1781], under the command of Col. Green [John Green BLWt866-500 – at Cheraw Hills they fell in with Gen'l. Nathaniel Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], who had the command of the Southern Army. After a short stay at Cheraw Hills, they took the line of march, and continued marching and countermarching through the Southern Country. During his services he was in the following principal engagements – viz. Guilford, Eutaw Springs, Camden, Ninety Six, [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781; Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781; Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781; Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May 22 - Jun 1781], and many inferior engagements. He knew Gen'l. Nathaniel Greene, Col. Henry Lee, and Col. William Washington of the Dragoons. The Regiment to which he belonged was under the immediate command of Major Snead [Smith Snead BLWt2056-400], from the time they left Cheraw Hills and he was under the command of Capt. John Anderson [BLWt54-300], and Lieut. Smith, throughout the whole term of his enlistment. He was regularly discharged at Hillsborough North Carolina, after having served eighteen months the period for which he enlisted. He got a written discharge which he has lost.

He enlisted a second time in Stafford County, Va. under the same recruiting officer Thomas Mountjoy, to serve during the War. He thinks this enlistment took place about 5 or 6 months after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], but cannot be positive as to the time. he marched to the Winchester barracks, and was put under the Command of Capt. Kilpatrick, of the regular army – and continued in service at that place until after Peace, and the army was disbanded. he cannot be positive as to the length of time he served under this last enlistment, but he thinks not less than six months. He knew Capt. Smith at Winchester, and an officer by the name of Stith [probably John Stith BLWt2064-300]], who he believes was a paymaster, but was styled "Captain." He understood that the troops at Winchester were under the command of an officer whose name was pronounced Loodeomy, (a Colonel) but how that officer's name was spelled he cannot say. The had no fighting during this term of service, & were stationed at Winchester the whole time, guarding the British prisoners. He was discharged after peace was made, having served not less than six months, as he believes but he cannot undertake from loss of memory & lapse of time, to speak with accuracy. He got a written discharge, which has been lost likewise.

All of his services were rendered as a private soldier. Some years ago his services in the revolutionary War were proved by Capt. Covington & Mr. Daniel Graves – who both served with him, the former as an officer and the latter as a private – and the papers containing the evidence of his services put into the hands of The Hon. Hugh Holmes who died shortly afterwards and he has never been able to

recover them. Capt. Covington & Mr. Graves have both died since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Matthew hisXmark Tate

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

To his Excellency the Governor of Virg'a. [15 June 1835]

Your memorialist Matthew Tate of the county of Rockingham in the State of Virg'a respectfully represents that he enlisted as a Soldier of infantry for 18 months in the Virg'a Cont'l Line in the war of the Revolution in the county of Stafford, under Thomas Mountjoy who was a recruiting officer at the time that your memorialist enlisted. Your memorialist was marched in the first place to Chesterfield Ct House – was then placed under Major Snead who had command of the Second Virg'a Cont'l Reg't. your memorialist with s'd Reg't marched to the South & there continued through his period of enlistment when your memorialist returned home to Stafford County and again reenlisted under the same recruiting officer above named for during the war and your memorialist further states that whilst in Service he was in the battle of Guilford – Campden – Fort 96 and was at the Seige of York in Virg'a and was afterwards marched to the Winchester Barracks and discharged from that place after the final close of the said War. your memorialist therefore prays that he may be allowed the Virg'a Land bounty for during the said War – that his claim further [part missing] under consideration & he [the rest missing]

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Matt'w. Tate/ age 19/ height 5' 7"/ farmer/ born in Westmoreland County/ residing in Stafford County/ dark hair/ black eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 20 Sep 1780 for 18 months. "Marched with Col. Green."