

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathew McCammon (McCemmon) S17578

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State of Indiana Sullivan County: SS

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Josiah Mann the Court of Probate now sitting Mathew McCammon a resident of the County of Sullivan and State of Indiana aged Seventy-five 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the State of South Carolina under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

That he was drafted into the service of the said State under Capt. James Knox a Militia officer of Camden district South Carolina for the term of four weeks -- whose company was attached to the division commanded by Col. E. Cushaw [sic, Eli Kershaw] all under the command of General Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in which draft the applicant served nine weeks and was remanded home. The above service was in the year '79.¹

In the year Eighty this applicant was again drafted for the term of three months under the command of Capt. Henry Bishop in the service of the above State whose company was attached to the division commanded by Col. Wyne [sic, Richard Winn] all under the command of General T. Sumter in which Term he served about half the time drafted for and was again remanded home.

On the fifteenth day of April '82 the applicant enlisted into the United States service in the South Carolina Cavalry under the command of Capt. John Mills Lieut. John Miller and Ensign Alexander Brown whose company was first mustered under the command of Col. Henry Hampton. The term of this enlistment was for ten months five months of the said term was served under the command of the said Henry Hampton the command after the said service was transferred to Col. Wade Hampton under whom this applicant served the other five months of the term of his enlistment under Col. Wade Hampton the applicant was in the following engagements -- First of which was the taking of Fort Congaree [Fort Granby, May 14-15, 1781]² Secondly --

¹ Thomas Sumter was not on active duty in any capacity in 1779. He was elected to command the refugee forces after the fall of Charleston on May 12, 1780. In October he was formally commissioned a Brigadier General in the South Carolina militia by Governor in exile, John Rutledge. Sumter had been commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel in the South Carolina Continental line in 1776 and had resigned his commission on September 23, 1778.

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

the taking of Fort Thompson [Thomson's Plantation, February 22, 1781]³ alias "B[illegible letters]cades" [sic, Belleville] from thence he was marched to Orangeburg Fort a distance of 25 miles which Fort was taken after a short engagement. He was next in an engagement or skirmish with the famous Tories Simon Girty in said skirmish there was thirteen killed on the side of the United States -- he was further at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]⁴ in which engagement the applicant received a slight flesh wound in the act of charging -- all the above engagements was in the State of South Carolina under the command of the above named officers -- After which he was marched under the command of Major Bleauford [sic] into the State of Georgia in said state the Applicant was in two engagements -- one of which was with the British within 8 or 10 miles of the town of Savannah in which engagement there was none of the Americans killed (of the enemy 17 killed). The other was within 20 or 25 miles of the town of Ebenezer with the Indians a part of whom was taken prisoner none killed on either side. The applicant was thence marched as one of the guards over the said Indian prisoners to the town of Ebenezer at which place he continued one week during said week the Applicant's term of enlistment expired he was from thence marched back to Orangeburg in South Carolina at which place he was detained three days and was then ordered home with directions to meet at a certain place on the Congaree River on the 15th day of April to receive his regular discharge. At which place the applicant met on the date specified But Col. Wade Hampton not attending he could not obtain the said discharge and returned from thence without one.

The Applicant 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 to his knowledge. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Mathew McCammon, X his mark

[James Love, a clergyman, and George Boon, and John Benefiel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court put the following interrogatories

1st Interog. was born in the year 1757 in the County of Antrim in Ireland

2nd Interog. He answers in the negative they having been destroyed by fire.

3rd Interog. In South Carolina since in Kentucky now Indiana.

4th Interog. Drafted twice enlisted once.

5th Interog. General Wayne, Major Doyle, Col. White, Capt. Gill circumstances he was at the taking of Congaree Fort, Buckhead, Orangeburg, at the Battle of Eutaw Springs and at the skirmish of Tory Simon Girty 13 killed.

6th Interog. Answered in the negative.

7th Interog. James Brooks, Samuel Whittelsey, John W. Davis, Bailey Johnson

Thomas Gill⁵ personally appeared in open Court and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was in the Militia service with said McCammon and in the same brigade commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] at Purrysburg South Carolina he further states he seen him in the Troops light horse Troops frequently that were commanded by Col. Mills under Col. Hampton belonging to General Sumter's Brigade; in the Revolutionary War.

Board of commissioners Sullivan County, State of Indiana January Term A.D. 1833 --

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thomsons_plantation.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁵ This MAY be [Thomas Gill S31061](#) who filed for his pension while living in Crawford County, Illinois.

Personally appeared before the Board, Matthew McCammon the applicant named in the annexed papers, for the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832 and amends his declaration by stating that he has no documentary or other evidence to submit in support of his claim, other than that already exhibited to the Department, in the affidavit of Thomas Gill, which is contained in the accompanying papers.

S/ Matthew McCammon, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the South Carolina Cavalry and 3 ½ months as a private in the South Carolina Infantry, all in the militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to Matthew McCammon (McCamon) p6
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 4893
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Know all men by these presents, that I Matthew McCammon of Camden district South Carolina Planter, for and in Consideration of the Sum of Fifty pounds Sterling to me in hand paid by James McCammon of Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina Planter, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have Bargained Sold and made over unto the said James McCammon my Right and title of the pay due me for my Service done in the State Troops Commanded by G. Thos. Sumpter [Brigadier General Thomas Sumter], & in the Company of Captain John Mills in the year 1781 unto the said James McCammon his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns. In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed my Seal this 17th day of June 1785
Witness present

S/ John Foster

S/ John McWhorter

S/ Matthew McCammon, X his mark

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County} June 17, 1785. This day Matthew McCammon personally Appeared before me a justice of the peace for Said County, and made Oath, that the Horse and Saddle that he Rode during the above mentioned Service, was his own private property, and that he never received any pay or Consideration for the aforesaid Service before this present date, Excepting 1 pair of overalls and one. And further saith not

Sworn to & Subscribed before me

S/ Matthew McCammon, X his mark

S/ John McCorkel, JP

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I Assign over my Right & Title of the within mentioned Negro to Captain John Foster in Mecklenburg County North Carolina as Witness my hand the 10 of December 1785

S/ James McCammon

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James McCamon". The signature is enclosed in a simple rectangular border.

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 308 Book M dated 1st of October 1784 “delivered to Mr. Matthew McCamon [sic] late Private in Mills [John Mill’s] Troop, H. Hampton’s [Lt. Col. Henry Hampton’s] Regiment Sumpter’s [Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last.”]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing a number of endorsements including the following:

I Endorse over my Right and title of within indent to Mr. Henry Giddes for value received
Witness my hand this 10th November 178? [Last digit undeciphered]

S/ Mathew McCamon, X his mark

S/ Samuel Johnston