Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthias (Mathias) Egner S21745 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: September Sessions 1840

On this 5th day of September 1840 version appeared in open Court -- before the Court now sitting Mathias Egner a resident of said County of Lincoln in State of North Carolina aged Seventy Seven 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 July 7th 1832 [sic, June 7, 1832], That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the Eighteen months service with Captain Alexander Brevard then in the United States Service at Ramsour's Battleground in this County on 25 July 1782 [sic, probably 1781 based on the events veteran describes], and was marched by Captain Brevard with other recruits to Tuckaseegee Ford & to Charlotte in Mecklenburg County where he was joined to other Recruits, and from thence to Camden South Carolina where the company was Joined by more Troops and from thence to the high hills of Santee, where his Company received their arms and were placed in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] at which place the Command of his Company was transferred to Captain Bacote [Peter Bacot¹], the name of the Lieutenant of the Company was Carter or McCarter, at the place the Regiment was placed under the Command of General Green [Nathanael Greene], from the high hills of Santee the Army crossed the Santee at a place called Strawberry Ferry² at Williams Branch the Army took 200 British prisoners from thence they were marched to Moncks Corner, where they had a skirmish with the enemy and from thence to Dorchester,³ where they again had a skirmish with the Enemy, from Dorchester they were marched to Bacon's Bridge⁴ and from thence to Ashley Hill near Charleston, where the Army lay some time, from thence Colonel Lytle's Regiment was marched to James Island, where they took possession of the Ford which the enemy had very shortly abandoned, and where they were Joined by Pennsylvania & a Maryland Regiment.

In the time his Regiment was stationed on James Island they were called on for volunteers to aid General Marion [Francis Marion] and this deponent was among the Troops in

² http://gaz.jrshelby.com/strawberry.htm

Peter Bacot S39166

³ http://gaz.jrshelby.com/dorchester.htm

⁴ http://gaz.jrshelby.com/baconsbridge.htm

the Engagement at Parkers Ferry⁵ under the Command of General Marion in an action with a Major Fraser of the British Army, after this Engagement he again Joined his Regiment on James Island and remained in the Regiment of Colonel Lytle until the last of December 1783, when he was discharged from service, peace having been made, as he understood having remained in Service something more than 17 months.

This deponent further states that his father went with the British Army, and took this deponent with him, who was then only 14 years of age, That he Runaway from his father and Charleston and went into Burke County, where he presented himself to Colonel McDowell [probably Charles McDowell] and from him received protection, until he Enlisted with Captain Brevard.

This deponent further states, that a certain John Stamey⁶ Enlisted at the same time and place with him, that they Served together, until discharged; in the same mess: that the said John Stamey some years ago applied for a pension, that this deponent was qualified as a witness in the application of John Stamey, who he was informed received a pension, which Testimony will be found among the papers which the said Stamey was placed on the pension list Roll,

He has no documentary evidence he received, a discharge from the Army which he placed in the hands of a sister, which has been lost, he knows of no person who served with him living, by whom he could prove his Services,

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension list Roll of the agency of any State, Sworn and Subscribed the day and year above mentioned.

S/ Mathias Egnor, X his mark [sic]

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the year 1763 or 1764 in this County

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

Answer I have but it is now in the possession of my son who lived in Union District South Carolina who is now Dead

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in this County at the time I entered the Service, and since then have lived in this County

[p 7: On __ Sarah Graham, daughter of Mathias Egner and wife of Jesse Graham of Union District, SC, filed as one of the heirs of Mathias Egner (there being two other heirs, namely, Betsy Chapman and Polly Hamilton); she states that Mathias Egner intermarried with one __ on or about __ and that his said wife died on __ in 1807 and that Matthias Egner died on __ day of February 1844 in Newberry District, SC. She signed this document with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office, that a Warrant was issued for the services of Matthias

⁶ John Stamey S7611

⁵ http://gaz.jrshelby.com/parkers.htm There was an engagement at Parker's ferry on August 31, 1781 between Marion and Lt. Col. von Borck. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution parkers ferry 2.html

Egner as a private Soldier for the War, in the revolution: at the time when all such warrants were issued on the certificate of Field Officers. This Warrant is No. 950 dated 19th May 1784, drawn by Col. Lytle.

Given under my hand this 6^{th} day of April 1852

S/Wm Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina \ Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears of record in this Office, that a warrant was issued for seven years service of Matthias Egner as a private Soldier of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war at a time when all Warrants for military services were issued on the certificates of Field officers, there being no muster rolls on file in the Office. The said Warrant is No. 950, dated the 19th of May 1784.

Given under my hand at office this 20th day of July 1852 S/William Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina Comptroller us for his Office

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of public accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, and in original return made to the Governor of said State entitled a "Descriptive list of men raised from Morgan District to serve 18 months in the Continental Army, received by Captain Alexander Brevard 3rd Regt at Ramsour's Mills between the 20th of August and the 12th October 1782, Matthias Egner, of Lincoln County, enlisted for 18 months.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this fifth day of August A.D. 1852.

S/Wm J. Clarke, Comptroller

[p 15 family record"

"Matthias Eggner [sic] departed this life on the 8th day of Feb. 1844 his age was about 87 years" He was survived by:

Elizabeth Chapman, wife of Joshua Chapman resident of Pickens District SC Mary Hamilton, widow of William Hamilton, resident of Pickens District, SC Sarah Graham, wife of Jesse Graham, resident of Union District, SC

[p 71 is an affidavit of someone [first name illegible, could be Robert] Stamey who states that he is the brother of John Stamey and recalls Mathias Egner giving testimony in support of the pension application of John Stamey. John Yount also gave a supporting affidavit as to the statements of Egner of his services in the Revolution.]

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

Abraham Forney⁷ a Citizen of said County aged 81 years personally appeared before me David Reinhardt a Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law that on

⁷ Abraham Forney W3976

the 25th of July 1782 he was stationed with some Troops at Ramsour's Battleground, that Captain Alexander Brevard then of the Army of the United States came to Ramsour's Battleground, that he seen Captain Brevard Enlist into the Army of the United States for Eighteen months John Stamey, then of this County and Mathias Egner and that he believes the Mathias Egner who now applies for a pension is the same person who he seen Enlist with John Stamey under the command of Captain Brevard, Sworn to and subscribed this 5th day of September 1840. S/ D. Reihhardt, JP

S/ Abraham Forney, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending February 8, 1844 when the veteran died. He was pensioned for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]