Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Matlock W8420 Transcribed by Will Graves Lucy Matlock

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County: SS

Be it remembered on this 3rd day of June in the year 1840 Lucy Matlock a resident citizen of said County personally appeared before me Francis W Urey one of the justices of the County Court in & for said County, and being by me duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, declare, that she was married to Zachariah Matlock on the 7th day of December 1780 in Louisa County State of Virginia, by Parson Douglass; that she remained the wife of said Matlock as long as he lived; that said Zachariah died in said County of Caldwell on the 28th day of February 1827 and that she has remained a widow ever since. That she was born on the 18th day of July 1759 in Louisa County Virginia, that in the year 1777 or 1778 the said Zachariah entered the regular service in the Revolutionary War, and served for eighteen months as well as she recollects; that he enlisted in the Virginia State line, and served under Captain Batop [perhaps James Baytop], Major Kellis and Colonel Richardson [perhaps Holt Richardson] to the best of her recollection; that he was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], and had the Small Pox at Dumfries, and at the end of his service was regularly discharged, which discharge he kept a long time, but it is now lost. She may be a little mistaken as to the manner of his entering the service: it may be that he was enlisted as an eighteen months man, as it was then called and he may have served in Colonel Karr's Regiment and stead of Richardson's – as to this she cannot be positive; that one Charles Hardy served in the same company with said Zachariah, and drew a pension for it and she thinks her husband's testimony was taken to prove his service. That after the said Zachariah's regular service was over he was in much active service in the militia of Virginia under Captain William Harris, but she cannot remember the particular nature of the service nor how long. He was a commissary a while, and had some subordinate office as will appear by the annexed receipt, the only relic she has of those times. That she and her said husband moved out of this Country, at an early period, and she knows of no person living who can prove her husband service. Sarah Porter of Christian County, if living can prove her marriage with said Zachariah, and may remember something of his service. That she has a family record of her age in an ancient family Bible, with the ages of all her family: that she is now very old and needs the benefit of the act of Congress, but her husband in his lifetime would not apply under the act of 1818 because he would not take an insolvent oath, and he did not live to receive it under the act of 1832. That she makes this declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before me S/ F. W. Urey, JP S/ Lucy Matlock



[pp 6-7: family record]
Births

Ann Matlock was born August the 25 1784

John Matlock was born April the 6 1788

Mary Matlock was born February 17th 1791

Elizabeth Matlock was born December 15th 1793

Susannah Matlock was born February 10th 1797

Thomas Matlock was born March 29th 18017 [sic?]

Margit Malissa Potts was born October the 29th 1817

William C. Pots was born January the 3rd 1825

Francis M Potts was born the June 7th 1831

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Emmely Woolf was born the 7th of December 1814

William Harison Woolf was born the 21st day of December 1815

Perry Woolf was born the 19th day of December 1817

Mrvin Woolf was born the 9th of October 1820

Lucy ann Woolf was born 19th of March 1823

David B. Michel was born the 25th of July 1827

James R. Michel was born the 15th of March 1830

Marriages

Zachariah Matlock & Lucy Was married December the twenty 7 1780 Riddin and Elizabeth Woolf was married February 11th 181[last digit obliterated] John Matlock and Sabrina W. Robertson was married February 17th 1820 Thomas W Matlock & Jane E. White was married 18th of December 1834

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 23rd day of June 1784, in the name of Zachariah Matlock, as a Soldier of Infantry for £20.0.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. White and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

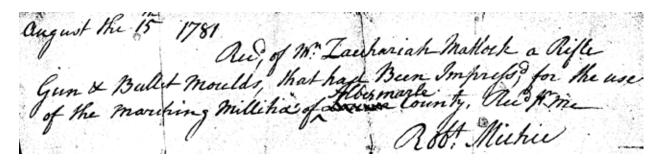
Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 1st day of July 1846.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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August the 15th 1781

Received of Mr. Zachariah Matlock a Rifle Gun & Bullet Moles, that had Been Impressed, for the use of the marching Militia of Albemarle County, Received pr me S/ Robt Michie [Robert Michie]



[p 25: Another application, this one dated December 30, 1846 filed in Caldwell County Kentucky by the widow giving her age then as 87 in which she states in part as follows: "That she is the widow of Zachariah Matlock who was able revolutionary Soldier of the United States in the Virginia Line, and was late of the County, and served 18 months, he entered the service in the year 1779 and served under the following named officers and she understands and believes (to wit) Colonel Garris, Captain Kellis, Captain Overton, Captain Dabney and was marched to Valley Forge, and was at the battle of Brandywine he left the service in spring 17[last 2 digits overwritten and illegible], as well as she can recollect, from age and infirmity and her mind greatly impaired, She cannot state with precision. He resided in Louisa County Virginia when he entered the service, and resided there for 15 years and then moved to Caldwell County Kentucky, and resided there up to the time of his death. She further declares that she was married to the said Zachariah Matlock on the 7th day of December 1780. That her husband the aforesaid died the 28th day of February 1827."]

[p. 42: On August 14, 1840, in Christian County Kentucky, Mrs. Sally Porter and her 76 or 77th year of her age, gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of Zachariah Matlock to Lucy his wife; that she, the affiant, believes that Zachariah served in the revolution; that she, the affiant was born in the media County and raised in Louisa County Virginia and that her husband was a revolutionary war soldier. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 19: Letter dated January 19, 1847 sent by Thomas W Matlock from Caldwell County Kentucky informing the recipient that Lucy Matlock widow of Zachariah Matlock died April 29, 1847 The amount of the pension received by her was \$60 which she received through James J Vaughn who charged \$10 per year to administer the pension.

[p 5: Power of attorney dated November 17, 1852 executed in Caldwell County Kentucky by John Matlock, Thomas W Matlock, Charles J White, John C Prince & H H Prince heirs of Lucy Matlock deceased.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia service.]