

## Mathias Hulsart (also listed as Hulse and Hulshort)

(Jan. 3, 1757 – April 11, 1846)

Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the New Jersey Militia

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At the beginning of March 1776, Mathias Hulsart joined the 1st Regiment of the Monmouth County Militia under Captain John Smock and Lieutenant John Schanck.

Mathias Hulsart's pension records reveal that he joined the New Jersey State Troops under Captain John Burrowes in June 1776. Known as "state troops," these roughly 12,000+ men were also called the "Jersey Blues" for their distinctive uniforms. They were highly effective and were often used for local defense, scouting, and fighting in skirmishes.

New Jersey state troops and militia were a critical part of the Revolutionary War. The state hosted 238 battles, earning it the nickname "Cockpit of the Revolution." These forces fought Loyalist raiders, defended against British incursions, and supported Washington's Continental Army at key battles such as Trenton, Princeton, and Monmouth.

Records show that Hulsart fought in the Battle of Long Island (also called the Battle of Brooklyn) on August 27, 1776. More soldiers assembled to fight on open ground in this battle than in any other engagement during the

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Revolutionary War, believed to be about 50,000 in total. This included approximately 30,000 British regulars and Hessian mercenaries. Had it not been for foul weather, the battle might have ended the Revolution, as the British had Washington effectively surrounded except for access to the coast. This delay allowed Washington time to gather boats, and under the cover of fog the army escaped to Manhattan, essentially vanishing into thin air.

Hulsart was also present at the Battle of White Plains on October 28, 1776. In this battle, George Washington's Patriot army was attacked by British forces under the command of William Howe. The Patriot forces were defeated and forced to retreat from the field. Following the setbacks at White Plains and the losses of Forts Washington and Lee, Washington was forced to evacuate New York and New Jersey. (For more information, see the battle chronology.)

Hulsart (Hulse), Mathias		birth: 3, Nov. 1755
001910004794		death: 11, Apr. 1846
<b>BURIAL:</b> State: New Jersey		
Mount Pleasant		
Matawan, N. J.		
<b>Service and additional facts.</b>		
Call No. 369.1 D26a # 53 PP. 124	Served under Smock and Samuel Carhart and Burrowes. Was at capture of Brittainia, Battles of Cheesequake, Conascunk, Brooklyn (Long Island), White Plains. Taken prisoner at Sandy Hook; was in Sugar House and on prison ship 15 months.	

Mathias Hulsart was taken prisoner at the Battle of Navesink—also known as the Massacre of Sandy Hook—on February 13, 1777, and was imprisoned in a New York Sugar House. A brief account of the attack is as follows: During a storm, a British ship carrying provisions and a captured French captain was blown off course near Sea Bright. Local militia seized the ship and its cargo. Loyalists informed the British of the situation, and at about 3:00 in the morning British forces launched a silent attack, using bayonets.

In reply refer to  
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS  
WASHINGTON August 4, 1925.

Madam:

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W. 253, it appears that Mathias Hulse was born November 3, 1755 at Freehold Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

While residing at said place, he served as a private in the New Jersey Troops as follows—

From in March 1776, one month in Captain John Smock's Company, Colonel Taylor's Regiment.

From the latter part of June 1776, five months in Captain John Burrowes' Company, Colonel David Forman's Regiment and was in the battles of Brooklyn and White Plains.

From February 1, 1777 in Captain James Whitlock's Company and was guard at Sandy Hook, where he was taken prisoner, February 13, 1777 and confined in the "Old Sugar House" also in a ship on the East River until exchanged May 13, 1778.

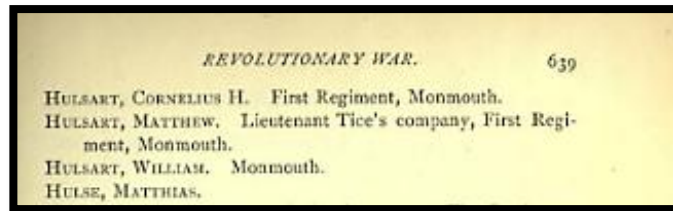
From June 1, 1778, every other month until June 1, 1779 in Captain Samuel Carhart's Company, Colonel Holmes' Regiment and guarded the shores and frontiers.

When the raid was over, the ship—after its cargo had been removed by the British—rapidly sank. The attackers also burned two homes. In the aftermath, 25 militiamen were left dead and more than 70 prisoners were taken, including two captains and four lieutenants. One account states that about 50 men managed to escape the attack.

Sources on *Find a Grave* indicate that Hulsart remained a prisoner for about 18 months. Based on this information, it is reasonable to assume that he returned home in the late summer of 1778.

After his release, Hulsart fought in several skirmishes against Loyalist militia, including one at Cheesquake in May 1780 and another the following month at Conkaskonk Point (present-day Union Beach).

In June 1780, a large Loyalist force came off Sandy Hook and landed at Conkaskonk along the Raritan Bayshore. During this forage expedition, they initially gathered a considerable number of livestock. However, a fierce battle soon ensued. Facing stiff resistance from local militia, the British were ultimately forced to retreat.



### The Hulsart Family:

The pension records give Mathais's birth date of Nov 3, 1755, but his gravestone indicates he was born Dec 3, 1757. He died on April 11, 1846.

Mathias married Elisabeth Tyse (Tice) (Oct. 15, 1762 – March 20, 1853).

They were married on July 29, 1781, and had the following children:

John (1800 – 1832)

Mathias, Jr.

Peter Mathias - married Martha

Mary

William – Married Maria Bowne

Catherine

Elizabeth

Susanah

Anna

57	277	Mathias <b>Hulsart</b> b. January 3, 1757 d. April 11, 1846	age 89yrs., 3 mos., 8 da.
	275	Elizabeth, wife of Mathias <b>Hulsart</b> b. October 15, 1762 d. March 20, 1853	age 91yrs., 6 mos., 5 da.
	71	John, son of Mathias & Elizabeth <b>Hulsart</b> b. March 15, 1800 d. April 17, 1832	age 32 yrs., 2 mos., 1 da.
		Thomas, son of Mathias & Elizabeth <b>Hulsart</b> b. 1802 d. 1808	age 6 yrs.
	66	Peter Mathias, son of Mathias & Elizabeth <b>Hulsart</b> b. November 8, 1785 d. July 10, 1838	age 53 yrs., 9 mos., 2 da.
	69	Martha, wife of Peter M. <b>Hulsart</b> b. February 26, 1790 d. September 26, 1828	age 38 yrs., 7 mos.
	70	John, son of Peter M. & Martha <b>Hulsart</b> b. 1820 d. 1821	age 1 yr.
		Maria Bowne, wife of William <b>Hulsart</b> b. July 12, 1829 d. January 17, 1848	age 19 yrs., 7 mos., 5 da.