

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Record of William Yates VAS2067

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

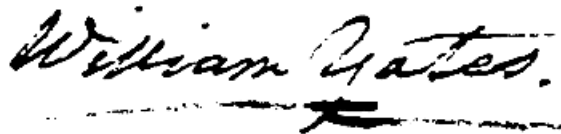
To his Excellency Governor Preston and the Honorable Members of Council

The humble petition of William Yates; who stateth that his Father William Yates Deceased departed this Life, as he is informed, soon after the Old Revolutionary War between Great Britain and America, leaving your petitioner an Infant of tender years, making no provision by Will; that administration of the decedent's Estate was granted to Francis Muir Deceased who, regardless of your Petitioner's Interest, omitted, or declined seeking into any claim, which the said Yates Deceased had against the State of Virginia, or the United States, for services Rendered in the Old Revolutionary War. Your Petitioner begs leave further to state that he hath very lately been informed, that his Father had sundry claims against this State and the United States at his death all of which appear at this time unsatisfied: and never, until this day had he any certain information of his Father's grade: That it is now shown to him, by a Friend, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Volume of the Journals of Congress, page 130 wherein it appears he was, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1777 chosen by Congress, Deputy Muster-Master General and by a resolve of Congress, the day before, (same page) his rank was fixed & settled with that of Lieutenant Colonels in the Army of the United States.

Under which appointment; accompanied with the certificate, and affidavit, of a disinterested and aged Female, sister to your Petitioner's Father, and who transacted business for him in his absence, and is knowing to most of his proceedings, your petitioner hopes & trusts, that your Honorable Board, will take his claim into consideration, and grant such certificate as may appear Just and Equitable agreeable to the nature of his case.

And your Petitioner will ever be in duty Bound &c &c  
31<sup>st</sup> July 1817

S/ William Yates

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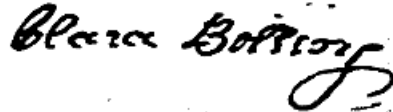
Yates' Petition

Land Bounty allowed for 3 years as Lieutenant Colonel

I do hereby Certify that my Brother, Colonel William Yates Deceased entered into the service of

his Country in the old Revolutionary War, between Great Britain and America some time in the year 1775 (soon after the commencement of the War) when at William & Mary College. That he was afterwards promoted (as I understood & believed) to the rank of Deputy Muster-Master General = perhaps in the early part of the year 1777. That he accepted the appointment as I was informed, & actually set off very shortly after, from my house, to Charleston, South Carolina, on his Tower [tour] of duty, under his appointment. That he was absent from home, on his first Tower, about Twelve months; and after making a short visit to Virginia returned to the southward & continued in the Service, nearly to the close of the War. – Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1817

S/ Clara Bolling

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clara Bolling". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Clara Bolling".

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Mrs. Clara Bolling aged (as she states) about 67 years, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace of the aforesaid County; on this present day and made Oath, that the within Certificate, respecting the services of her Brother, Colonel William Yates Deceased in the Old Revolutionary War, between Great Britain & America, contains the truth to the best of her recollection and belief. Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1817

S/ B. Hardaway, JP

By the Books of this Office it does not appear that any Military Land Bounty warrant or warrants have issued to William Yates for his services in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain.

S John Davenport, Chief Clerk  
Land Office June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1817