Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Robert Coats VAS3034
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[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

King & Queen County State of Virginia I Beverly Pearce of the said County of K&Queen & State of Virginia do testify that he was well acquainted with Robert Coats of the above named County & State, and that he the said Coats was a revolutionary soldier. That he inlisted for three years in the Continental Service and served his time out and was honorably discharged.
Given under my hand this 2nd day of March 1832 Beverley Pearce Ser[?]

Gloucester County to wit & State of Virginia
This day Berverly Pearce of the County of King & Queen personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the above named county at the house of Thomas Pearce in s'd county of Gloucester and made oath that he is in his sixty seventh year of age that he s'd Pearce knew Robert Coats of the s'd County of King & Queen a Revolutionary Soldier that he was an Apprentice to one Edward Waller in King & Queen & that he enlisted in the regular service in the Contineltal Army for three years or that he served for three years from the time of enlistment & that after the three years that he said Coats returned home & married Mrs Spann but what heirs the said Cats left at the time of his death or what heirs the s'd Coats has at this time he the said Beverly Pearce knows not S'd Beverly Pearce farther says that s'd Robert Coats after having served his three years returned to the county of Gloucester where he remained till the time of his death which he thinks is at least thirty years ago. given under my hand and seal in the county of Gloucester this 15th day of October 1832 Edwin Broaddus JP

The witness was 10 years old in '76. It is not possible he would know what he has stated. [see endnote]
Rejected [undeciphered initials]

NOTE: The Revolutionary War did not end until 1783, so Coats may have enlisted as lat as 1780, when Pearce would have been 14.