

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant of Horatio Gates BLWt863-1100                      VA  
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[A note in the federal file is inscribed "Maj. Gen./ Issued Nov. 18, 1790/ No papers," these records having been destroyed by fire in 1800. The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#).]

Council Chamber May 30<sup>th</sup> 1782

I do certify that the Honorable Major General Horatio Gates is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Major General of the Virginia line for Military service from May 1776 to this day

[Gov.] Benjamin Harrison                      Thomas Meriwether

9 Warrants 6 for 2000 acres each, 2 for 1500 acres 1 for 2500 acres issued to Horatio Gates June 13<sup>th</sup> 1783

To His Excellency & the Honorable Council of the State of Virginia, your Petitioners Wm Booth Mrs French, Mrs Varlen Childress, Mrs Wm King & others the grand children of B Booth of Maryland – Mary Ann & Benj. Molyneux, grand children of James Mollyneux, Thos & Hannah Musket – Wm Singleton Rich'd Rowley Isabella Rowley Horatio Gates Rowley, Edward Rowley, Wm Rowley of Pa. the Residuary Devisees of Mary Gates widow & devisee of Horatio Gates decd who was a Major Gen'l in the Virginia Continental army during the american Revolution most respectfully represent unto you that they are the residuary devisees of all the estate of Horatio Gates dec'd. said Gates having died in the State of New York in 1806 & devised all his estate to Mary Gates She the said Mary Gates having in 1810 devised the residue of her estate to the said persons aforesaid, and they would beg leave to ask of your honorable body to allow unto them such additional quantity of land as is due said parties in virtue of the Services of major General Horatio Gates dec'd. that said Gates was appointed a Major General of the u states army on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1775 as will more fully appear by reference to the Journals of the continental Congress of said year in page 85 of Volume 1<sup>st</sup> that there is now due & unpaid to said Gates Representatives the quantity of land equal to his rank from the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1775 untill the close of the war in the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Nov 1783, deducting what has been heretofore received by him said Gates in his lifetime. Your petitioners would most respectfully ask the proper authorities of the State of Virginia to give the claims of said Gates residuary devisees as full & fair & equitable a hearing & finally allow such additional quantity of bounty land as is due. and they will ever pray &c.

Wm Boothe & others grandchildren of B Boothe decd.

Mary Ann & Benj Mollynuix

Hannah Muskett

Thos Muskett

Horatio Gates Rowley & others Heirs of Wm Mollyneux afs'd

By Wm H Todd atty in fact.

Sep 1844

The affidavit of Isabella Myers taken at the City of Phil'a this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1844

Affiant states that she is one of the Identical persons named in the will of Mrs Mary Gates widow of Major Gen'l Horatio Gates dec'd. that she is named as one of the residuary legatees and devisees. that at the time of the will of Mrs Gates she was Miss Rowley, that she is now a widow that Horatio G Rowley and Edward Rowley two other persons named in said will of Mrs Gates died intestate and without ever having been married, that Richard Rowley is also dead leaving no will but the following children & heirs at law, Ann wife of [blank] Nice, Ema[?] Edward H Jane Eliza Richard & Charles Rowley are all his children & heirs at Law, Benj. Molyneux is dead. Mary Ann Molyneux is still living Thomas Musket is dead leaving two children Edward & George in Frankford, farmers or one at least.

William Singleton is still living in Phil'a. that the foregoing is all the knowledge I have of the persons named in the will of Mrs Mary Gates decd, further she saith not  
Mrs Myers would further state that H G & Ed Rowley & Richard Rowley were affiants brothers Sworn to and subscribed  
[signed] Isabella Myers

Know all men by these presents that I Isabella Myers late Rowley a widow of Phil'a. one of the residuary devisees of Horatio Gates dec'd and also of Mary Gates dec'd. appoint Wm H Todd of same place my atty in fact with power of Substitution to receive from the State of Va all balances of land warrants due from s'd State for the Revolutionary services of Gen'l Horatio Gates dec'd. to surrender said warrant to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States and under the provisions if any future act of Congress that may pass for that purpose, receive in scrip the equivalent for said warrant and to sell and assign the scrip that may issued in Lieu of said warrant or to sell the original warrant In consideration of the services of said Todd in procuring said warrant or the scrip in Lieu thereof, I bind myself to pay or to convey unto s'd Todd one third part of the Land warrant or the same proportion of scrip that may issue in Lieu thereof by the united states or the one third of the cash value of the Land warrant or the scrip that may issue for the same. as witness my hand & seal this [blank] day of Dec 1844  
[signed] Isabella Myers