

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Tate R10397 Comfort Tate VA
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State of Tennessee} Grainger County}

On the 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared David Tate before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the county aforesaid now in Session the said David Tate being a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about 73 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 That he enlisted in the Contries Service on the last of June or first of July 1780 in the army of the United States with a certain Captn Ballard Smith & served in the [blank] Ridgement of the Virginia line under the following named officers to wit, The field officers were Genl [Horatio] Gates, Genl. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene, who replaced Gates as head of the Southern Division on 3 Dec 1780]], Conl. Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford], Maj. [Thomas] Ridley, Conl [Richard] Campbell &c. and under Capt. Thos. Boyer [sic: Thomas Bowyer] and served all the time as Orderly Sergeant and that he served the term of eighteen months & was discharged in Jany 1782 and that he lived in the County of Bortetort [sic: Botetourt] & State of Virginia when he entered the Service & that he was in the following Battles, to wit, at Ninetysix [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] under Genl. Green & Conl. Campbell at the Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] under the same officers at which place Conl. Campbell was killed besides many small engagements and that when he enlisted he was marched by said Capt. Smith to Hillsborough N. Carolina and was attached to the remains of Genl Gates army & from thence by Genl Gates & Conl. Bluford to Salisborough [sic: Salisbury NC; see endnote] & from there to Charlott [sic: Charlotte] N. Carolina from thence to a place called the Cheraw Hill on the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] River S. Carolina [Jan 1781] from thence to Gillford [sic: Guilford Courthouse] N. Carolina from thence to Hallifax [sic: Halifax] Old Courthouse Virginia at which place he was taken sick & sent to the Hospital at Charlott [sic: Charlotte] Courthouse Va. from there to prince Edward Va. from thence with military Stores for the wounded who was wounded at the Battle of Gillford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] from thence to Ninetysix & joined the main Army a few Days after the Commencement of the Siege & remained there untill after the Siege was raised. from thence to Broad River South Carolina from thence to near the Catawba River from thence was returned to McCourds [sic: McCord's] ferry on the Congaree River S. Carolina from thence to a little town he thinks Sunsborough from thence to the high hills of Santee S. Carolina from thence back and crossed the Congaree River at said McCourds ferry to fort Motte & pursued the Brittish to the Eutaw Springs & was in a Battle at said place on the 8th Day of Sept 1781 from thence towards Charlestown in pursuit of the Brittish to near Munkscorner [sic: Moncks Corner] from thence back to the high Hills of Santee. from thence recrossed the Congaree River to near a place called the pond pons [sic: Ponpon] from thence to a place called Round O from thence to near a place called Stono ferry near Charlestown and at that time his term of service expired and from thence back to Round O & there gave up his arms & was to be marched to Sallisborough to be Discharged but was Discharged on the Congaree by Maj. [Smith] Snead & Captn. Thos. Boyer. And he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or any annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and Subscribed the the Day and year aforesaid.

David Tate

And to the said applicant the following questions was propounded by the Court to wit,

1. Where & in what year were you Born
A. he was Born in the State of Virginia Augusta County & raised in Bortetort County & was Born in the year 1759
2. Have you any record of your age A. none
3. Where were you living when called into Service where have you lived since the revolutionary war where do you now live

An: he lived in the State of Virginia Bortetort County when he listed & have since lived in State & County part of my time & in the State of Tennessee Green [sic: Greene] County & now in Grainger county — [The rest missing]

State of Indiana Green County

This day [14 June 1832] personally appears John Storm [pension application W1953] before me an acting Justice of the peace for said county & on his Oath by me duly administer'd saith that he knew a certain David Tate who joined the Regular army with him at Fincastle Bottetourt county State of Virginia in August 1780 for eighteen months under a certain Captain Ballard Smith and Marched by him to Hillsborough N.C. and joined the remains of Gen'l. Gates's army after Gates's defeat, at Camplen [sic: Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and then attached to diferent companies and served a long time together under different Gen'l. officers in the Southern Department of the Regular army untill he joined a corps of cavalry commanded by Col. Wm. Washington [William Washington] he believes in Sept. 1781 but when and where the said David Tate was Discharged he knows not as he belong'd to the aforesaid corps Cavalry he further states that the said David Tate done his duty as a good soldier while they were together, and further saeth not

John hisXmark Storm Sen

State of Tennessee } August the 20th 1832
Grainger County }

This is to Certify that in June 1831 David Tate a neighbour of mine applyed to me to carry a letter to a Certain Col Boyear Living in the State of virginua Bottot County in order to get the Evidence of old Boyer to obtain a pension and when Dilivered the Letter to Boyear he was in Bad health in consiquence of having taken the Dead palsey some weeks Before I got there he took the Letter and when he Read it his Speech Came to him and he Expressed is David Tate yet a Living and also that said Tate had been Commanded by him and that he had Been a good Soldier and that if any man in the United States had a Rite to a pension he had and if he Recovered so that he Could write he would Respecting his knowledge of the sd Tate so as to he could impower him to obtain a pension But as I have Been sence informed Col. Boyer lingered and got worse with the palsey and never as yet has had an oppertunity of writing Sworn to in open Court

Jacob hisXmark Kinder

NOTES:

Gen. Gates and Col. Buford were not together in the Carolinas.

On 4 March 1839 Comfort Tate petitioned the court (whose Clerk was Edward Tate) for proof that her husband, David Tate, died on 7 Aug 1838. On 2 June 1840 Comfort Tate, age 73 on the previous 20 April, applied for a pension stating that on 19 Aug 1784 she was married in what was then Botetourt County by a Baptist minister named Durgan, and that David Tate resided in Grainger County for 32 years before he died. On the same date she appointed William T. Tate her attorney. A letter in the file dated 12 Feb 1847 states that the widow of "David Tate Sen'r." had died "several years since."