

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Yates (Yeates, Yeats) R11927 Jane Yates f31NC
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State of Tennessee, Cocke County

On this 27th day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid Samuel Gates a resident of Cocke County & State of Tennessee aged 75 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 7 June 1832.

That he was born August 24 day 1757 and in the State of North Carolina.

That he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer at the age of 19 under the command of Colonel Whitaker [John Whitaker], Captain Griffin [Hardy Griffin] & Lieutenant Gandy [Edward Gandy] in the State of North Carolina in Nash County & rendezvoused at Nash Court house in the State & County aforesaid under said Griffin & Gandy marched thence to the Town of Hillsboro in N. C. and on this march, that he fell into & was attached to Col. Whitaker's Regiment. That he marched then from Hillsboro to Moravian Town in the State of North Carolina and marched thence from Moravian Town to Salisbury N. C. & thence to Charlotte Town marching from said Charlotte Town to Deep River crossing the Rivers of Rocky & Haw marched thence to Drowning Creek from thence to Waccamaw River, thence left said River & marched to Cape Fear River thence across said River thence home to Nash County N. C. making a Campaign of three months.

Said applicant further states that he entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer again & was left with 12 others under the command of Sergeant Lockard or Lockheart to guard 28 British prisoners at Smithfield Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] North Carolina and also to guard two other prisoners to have been committed to the jail for some offenses & said applicant believes that one was imprisoned for passing counterfeit money & the other taken upon the vagrant act.

That he remained at said Smithfield and guarding said prisoners for three months & was then discharged by Captain Allen in the month of October and returned home making a term of three months.

Said applicant further states that he entered the service of the United States again as a volunteer in Nash County N. C. under the command of Colonel Armstrong [probably James Armstrong], Major Hogg [probably Thomas Hogg] & Captain Bluer, and rendezvoused at Halifax County & Halifax Town North Carolina & were stationed at said Town between four & six weeks, and during his stay at said Town of Halifax there was brought there a Prisoner by the name of Mobley a known mischievous Tory who had been apprehended & brought to said Halifax Jail for murdering a Whig by the name of Kenan [Kenan?] a Captain & son of Colonel Felix Kinyon [sic, Felix Kenan ?] of the County of Duplin N.C. That Captain Bluer took said

Mobley and a guard of 40 men one of whom was said applicant to Wilmington Jail N. C. & there in said Jail left said Mobley who sometime afterwards was executed as a murderer. Marched thence under the command of Captain Bluer to Duplin Court house in order to strengthen a guard who was there at said Court house guarding 50 Tories & remained there or some time & returned home to Nash County N. C. making a Campaign of three months making in all his term of service in the United States nine months.

Said applicant states that in consequence of having to wade & swim Rivers & watercourses & marching through the swamps & marshes, he has suffered great bodily affliction & has had his limbs useless and will unfortunately (after having spent almost all his living) remain a cripple for the rest of his life.

Said applicant states that he moved to Tennessee Cocke County upwards of 30 years since & has remained here in said State & County ever since.

That he has no Documentary Evidence & that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Yates, X his mark

[John Monteeth and James Gray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Amended Declaration of Samuel Yates Cocke County Tennessee
State of Tennessee, Cocke County: July 18, 1833

Answers to the fourth query & 1 negative red ink

Said applicant states that he entered the Service of the United States in the year of 1776 under the command of Colonel Whitaker, Captain Griffin & Lieutenant Gandy in the State of North Carolina – County and served three campaigns in succession as stated in his original Declaration under date of 27th November 1832.

10th query. & 2nd negative red ink

The clerk's private seal is affixed, and the certificate of John Blair a member of Congress is thereunto joined proving the officials signature of the clerks to the original declaration.

11th query & 3rd negative

Said applicant states that no clergyman resides in his neighborhood whose evidence could have been obtained – but has obtained the evidence of two respectable man citizens of said County who certified that they concur in the opinion said applicant was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War.

17th query

Said Declarant states that he was born in the State of North Carolina in the year of 1757. That he has a record of his age in a Bible given to him by his Father and that he was living in Nash County & State of North Carolina when called into Service: and said applicant received 3 several discharges, one for each respective three months campaign but said discharges have been lost or so misplaced as not to be found among said applicant's papers.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Yates, X his mark

[Yates died at his residence on April 18, 1844 in Cocke County, Tennessee at which time he was drawing a pension of \$30/year.]

[On June 17, 1844, Jane Yates, widow of the veteran, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is 87 years old; that she married him sometime prior to January 1, 1794 (she refers to the birth

record of their children for proof of their marriage prior to that date.]

[On August 20, 1846 in Cocke County Tennessee, Jane Yates, 87, made application again for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Samuel Yates, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum; that she was married to him in Burke County North Carolina in the month of January 1787 by publication of banes [sic]; that her husband died in Cocke County Tennessee April 18, 1844. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 3: family record (transcribed literally):

“B”

Mary Yeates was bern octcber 2nd 1787

Jane Yats was born octcbr the 18th 1789

Lydia Freeman was bern march the 11th 1804

Samuel Yeats was bornd the 13 of March in the year of our [Lord] 1828

Nathaniel Yeats was Bornd June 4th In the year of our Lord 1830

“A”

Samuel Yeats was Bornd March 7th 1798

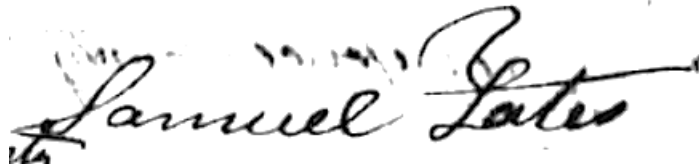
Elizabeth Yeats was Bornd May 11th 1801

Nathaniel Yeats was Bornd June 23th 1803

Robert Yeats Died in the Servis of war Aprile in the year 1814

Samuel Yeats sirn. Died Aprile the 18, 1844]

[On August 20, 1846 in Cocke County Tennessee, Samuel Yeats Junior, aged 48, gave testimony relating to the services of his father Samuel Yeats Senior in the revolutionary war and in support of his mother Jane Yates now an applicant for a pension; that his parents resided with him for the last 8 years prior to his father's death on April 18, 1844; that his mother continues to reside with him and remains a widow.



Lydia Yates, wife of Samuel Yates, Jr., also gave testimony in support of the application of Jane Yates identifying the Bible record of the birth of Lydia Freeman as a reference to herself and that the references to the names Nathaniel and Samuel are to her 2 sons.



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]