

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Yates R11928

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State of Missouri, County of Pulaski

On this 26th day of July A.D1851, I William Gillespy a Judge of the Court of the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri attended upon John Yates a resident of the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri he by reason of bodily infirmity not being able to appear in open court and the said John Yates aged as near as he can tell having no record about 82 years being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 that he the said John Yates was born in the State of Georgia 7 miles from Augusta and his father dying his mother removed with him (the claimant) to Burke County State of North Carolina and at the latter place he was drafted and marched into the Service as a Militia man he was then only in his 13th year but being well grown and as there was no record of his age and as they refused to take the oath of his mother as to his age he was taken and drafted in Captain Henry Reed's Company, but he had for his Captain when in the service Captain Joseph McDole [sic, probably Joseph McDowell], Charles McDole [sic, probably Charles McDowell] as Colonel, and John McDole [sic, probably John McDowell] as Lieutenant he was drafted for the term of six months he was marched to head quarters where General Rutherford took the command he does not know the name of the County but it was in the State of North Carolina he was then marched through Roan County [sic, Rowan County] and Duplin County he was marched through General Butler's [John Butler's] battleground a few days after the defeat of the latter and thence on to Wilmington at the mouth of Cape Fear River at that place they drove off the British with the loss of one of the American soldiers who was killed by a shot from a Sentry box on the bridge he also declares that he served the period of six months for which he was drafted and received a certificate of discharge for that period of service he received the certificate of discharge from Captain Henry Reed but the said certificate is lost or mislaid and he cannot find it, after returning to his home in North Carolina he in the course of a few years married and removed to Madison County Kentucky thence to Williamson County Tennessee 26 miles south of Nashville thence to his present residence at Pulaski County Missouri he declares that he cannot tell his exact age as he has no record of it and has no education so that he cannot examine historical accounts to learn the dates of the above named transactions but he is very old and feeble and entirely blind and very poor having a wife that is palsied, he was a private Soldier, he cannot at this late period produced the evidence of any one who served with him, the aforesaid facts are all which he can remember.

He the Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State, he also declares that he has appointed William Hunt of Washington City District of Columbia as is true and lawful Attorney, with power of substitution to receive from the Commissioner of the pension and [sic, any?] arrearage of pension which may be found due to

him as a Revolutionary Soldier and to do all other acts the same is though he the said soldier were himself personally present. Sworn to and subscribed day and year aforesaid.

Witness: S/ Archibald Evans

S/ John Yates, X his mark

[Harrison Elliott of Camden County, Missouri and John Carlton and Commodore White gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

We the undersigned being citizens in the County of Pulaski and State of Missouri and neighbors of the above named John Yates an applicant for a pension do hereby certify that we have been well acquainted with the said John Yates for some years and are confident that he is entirely blind and that he is a very old man and that his wife who is also very old is palsied that they are entirely without property and of course not able to perform any labor whatever and consequently have no means of support and we having frequently heard this said John Yates relate the circumstance of his serving as a soldier in the revolutionary war and having examined the above declaration and find it so correctly to correspond with his former statements to us we therefore believe the above declaration to be true and have no doubt but that he is justly entitled to a remuneration for said Services. Sworn to and subscribed this 26th day of July A.D. 1851 before Seth Manes, JP

S/ Archibald Evans

S/ Henry Laughlin

S/ Campbell Hibs

S/ Preston Sharp

S/ John Lewis

S/ Andrew J. York

S/ Daniel Merideth

S/ Israel Light

S/ Benjamin Clark

S/ William Lewis

S/ William Henry, Seigr [sic, Sr.?)

S/ W. M. Henry, Jun.

S/ W. H. Manes

S/ Seth Manes, Justice of the peace

I John Bostick formerly a resident of Burke County North Carolina and at this time a resident of Pulaski County in the State of Missouri do hereby certify that I was well acquainted in North Carolina with John Yates who is also at this time a resident of Pulaski County Missouri and was also formerly a resident of Burke County North Carolina that I was well acquainted with the said John Yates in his boyhood who is at this time an applicant for a pension that I was known to the fact of his said John Yates being drafted as a Militia man in the Revolutionary Service under the command of Captain Henry Reed in North Carolina Burke County when the said Yates was quite a youth though what his exact age was I do not know but am positive that he was drafted for the term of six months and was marched into the service and some time after his return to said County I also saw his certificate of discharge from under the hand of Captain Henry Reed and after that I saw the certificate at divers other times which certificate the said Yates now certified to be lost which I have no doubt is true, and further I am also positive that the said John Yates that is now an applicant for a pension claiming the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 is certainly the identical same man of whom I am above certified and whose certificate of discharge I have seen that he at this time is very old and himself and his wife both almost helpless and very poor and needy, further to my knowledge the said above John Yates has employed three other men to officiate in getting his pension and that they all failed to do anything in the case and that no doubt to the injury of the said Yates and further that the said Yates employed said other men many years ago though in what dates, I know not but am certain it was in different dates. Sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned the 27th day of December 1851.

S/ John Bostick

S/ Henry Laughlin, JP

Attest:

S/ John P. Collyer

S/ Calloway H. Manes