

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthew Cates R1806

Minty Cates

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State of North Carolina Johnston County on this 14th day of may 1845 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County Mrs. Minty Cates resident of Johnston County aged 86 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836.

That she is the widow of Matthew Cates who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War. That her husband the aforesaid Matthew Cates Enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 for two years and six months or during the war under Captain White. That she well recollects he left home in the month of June 1776 it having been soon after the birth of her oldest child. She cannot at this time recollect under what the officers he served but she distinctly recollects of having heard him say he served under Captain White and she knows he was gone from home about two years and six months. She further declares she was married to her said husband the said Matthew Cates in the month of April 1775 in the County of Johnston State of North Carolina by Captain John Whitley Esquire and that her maiden name was Minty Jones that her oldest child was born in the year 1776 and his name is Matthew now living and her husband the aforesaid Matthew Cates died in Johnston County in the year 1830 aged about 97 years as she has often heard him say and that she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof herewith annexed.

S/ Minty Cates, X her mark

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State.

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that Matthew Cates a private Soldier in Captain White's Company of the 6th Regiment, entered the service on the 30th day of June 1776 for the term of 2 1/2 years or War and that he

Given under my hand this 16th day of may 1845

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

State of North Carolina Johnston County

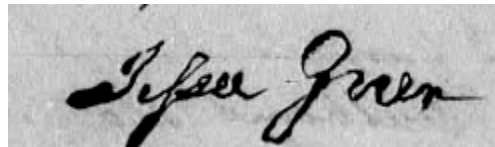
On this 16th day of May 1845, personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the

Peace in and for the said County, Jesse Green<sup>1</sup> aged 85 years, Pensioner as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following affidavit:

This affiant testifies and says, that he was well acquainted with Matthew Cates of Johnston County who was a soldier during the Revolutionary War, that he served with him the whole of the time. I was in the war. I found him in the service when I entered it and left him in the service when I came home, as I was a militia man and he was Enlisted for the whole War. We were at Halifax, Tarboro, New Bern, Trenton, Kingston and Wilmington and other places together.

This affiant has a perfect recollection of the aforesaid Matthew Cates and of his services at the time specified as above he knows he enlisted in Johnston County where he resided at that time and where he has always resided when he was not in the service of the Revolutionary War.

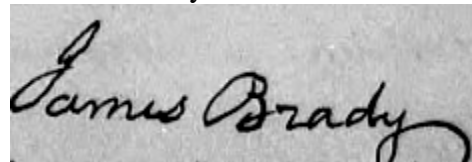
S/ Jesse Green

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Green". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 14th day of May 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County James Braddy [sic]<sup>2</sup> aged 86 years a Soldier of the Revolutionary War who being sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following affidavit. This affiant Testifies and says that he was well acquainted with Matthew Cates deceased of Johnston County who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War that he served with him in the same Campaign for two years and six months and was raised within about three miles we were boys together he was a few years older than I was I knew him he enlisted in Johnston County. I also knew he was legally married to Minty Jones about the year 1775 and I know that their son Matthew who is now living in a few miles of me and I knew they had some other children one named Nancy & William & John & Allen & written & Calvin and Elizabeth some of them dead and some living now.

S/ James Brady

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Brady". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

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<sup>1</sup> [Jesse Green W11084](#)

<sup>2</sup> [James Brady S8090](#)