

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Cato R1814
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Maryland Charles County Sct

Be it remembered that on this second day of June 1818 before me the subscriber an Associate Judge for the first judicial District of the State of Maryland comprising the Counties of Saint Marys Charles & Prince Georges personally appears George Cato aged sixty five years a Citizen of Charles County in the District & State aforesaid who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth & saith that he enlisted on the 4th day of April in the year 1777 in the Company commanded by Captain Hebby Smallwood [Hebard Smallwood] of Col. Grasons [sic: William Grayson's] Regiment for the term of three years in the Army of the United States during the revolutionary war & was discharged on the fifth of April 1778 disabled by disease

Edmund Key

[The following discharge is extremely faded.]

George Cato a private in Capt Smallwoods Company & Col Grasons Regiment of the Virginia Forces having [illegible word] his [illegible word] in said Regiment [illegible word] pains in his limbs [one or two illegible words] other Complaints [remaining four lines illegible]

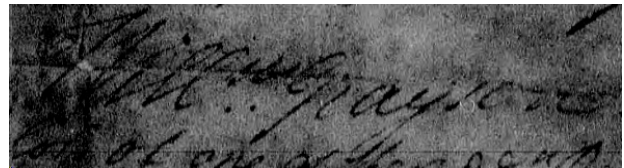
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John Cochran Surg'n Gen'l.

Camp. Ap'l. 28th 1778

George Cato the above mentioned Soldier is discharged from my regiment

Will'm. Grayson/ Col of one of the add'l. Reg'ts/ & Co. Comm't. of Gen'l Scotts Brigade



The withinmentioned George Cato I have known from his Infancy and have ever viewed him as a Person utterly incabable of discharging the Duty of a Foot Soldier or enduring the Fatigue and hard marching incidental to the Infantry Service – exclusive of the Complaints within recited (by the Surgeon General Doctor Cochran who under our Military Establishment was authorized and very competent to judge of his Inability and recommend his being discharged) he has ever been subject to a weakness in one of his Knees which is easily distinguished to be defective upon comparing it with his other Knee – this must well disqualify him for the rugged Duty of a Soldier – he is therefore recommended as a Person unfit to be substituted or subject to a Draught, as it wou'd be imposing upon and furthering the Public to no purpose being conscious he would never pass our Military Musters as a Soldier
given under my hand this 13th of March 1781

[William Smallwood Major General]

State of Maryland

I do hereby Certify, that I was at Valley Forge Cantonment some time in the month of April in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight, & at Col Graysons Quartains (being a log cabbिन or hut)

saw several Invalid Soldiers discharged by Doctor Cockran, among whom I perfectly recollect George Cato to be one, the more especially as I knew him at the time of his enlistment with Capt Smallwood.

George R. Leisser/ 19th April 1810

[The file contains a 7 May 1810 statement signed by dozens of people that Cato was affected by "rheumatism" so much as to be unable to labor for the support of his wife and large family of children. On the same paper is the following note by "Zeph Franklin Sen'r." (Zephaniah Franklin, Sr): "I well remember in 1777 that George Cato march'd with me to Camp & join'd Capt. Smallwood Company at the Whitemarsh.]

I hereby certify, that George Cato, marched with me in the year 1777, under Capt Hebert Smallwood, (then in the Militia service, to the white marshes, and after two months stay, I left him at that place in the regular service.

Given from under my hand, this 25th day of May 1810. John N. Gray

Be it remembered that on this sixth day of April eighteen hundred & twenty personally appears before the subscriber an associate Judge of the first judicial district of Maryland Henry Brawner of Charles county who made oath that George Cato the person within named is on the half pay list of old soldiers by virtue of a resolution of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at December session 1818 & that said resolution passed whilst he was a member of said Legislature & that he has drawn for said Cato from the Treasury of Maryland several quarters pay.

Edmund Key

Charles County to wit

Be it Remembered that on the 11th day of May 1818 came Nehemiah Crawford [pension application S34718] (being first sworn on the Holy evangils of almighty God before the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for the State of Maryland in and for the county aforesaid, – and deposeth and saith that he well recollects of George Catoe being a soldier in the Revolutionary war That the said George Cato joined the Regiment commanded by Col Grayson at the whitemarsh in Oct 1777 and was discharged in April 1778 – and further he this deponent saith not.

State of Maryland Charles County Ss

I do hereby certify that Aaron Simmons [W9293] a (Revolutionary Soldier) appeared before the Subscriber one of the State of Maryland's justices of the peace for Charles County aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that George Caytor enlisted in the service of the Untied States under Capt. Hebby Smallwood of 16th Additional Virginia Regiment Col. William Grayson Commander in the Spring of 1777; and continued in said service until the Spring of 1778, when he obtained his discharge at Valley Forge – Farther this deponent sayeth not.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of July 1821 Walter M Millar

State of Maryland, Charles County Sct;

On this eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen [sic: certified 12 Nov 1821] personally appeared in Charles County Court then in session (being a Court of record constituted such by the consitution and laws of the State of Maryland possessing a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount together with the power of fine and imprisoment) George Cato resident in Durham Parish in said County, who being being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he enlisted in the revolutionary war under Captain Herbert Smallwood in the sixteenth additional Virginia regiment under Col. Grayson and was discharged in April 1778 in consequence of pains & a lameness contracted in the service having served about twelve months, that he has not heretofore received a pension from the United States but made application to the Honourable Judge Key

