

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Gates S1819

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State of Tennessee }

Williamson county } On this 12th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court, before us
Nicholas Perkins, Wright Stanley and Jabez Owen Justices of the Court of pleas
& quarter sessions for Williamson county Tennessee, now sitting at Franklin in Williamson county, John
Gates a resident of Williamson county and state of Tennessee, of the age of seventy three years in
February 1832, 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 7th
1832.

That he inlisted in the Virginia State troops, on the 18th February 1779 under Capt. O. P.
Debenport [sic: Opie Davenport VAS3270], and served in the Virginia State Regiment, under the
following officers Maj. Waller, Col. Mibile, Col. Porterfield, Col. Mooter, Lieut. Col. Charles Dabner &
Maj. Drew [sic: Maj. Edward Waller R18768, Lt. Col. Nicholas George Moebaille, Lt. Col. Charles
Porterfield BLWt1145-450, Col. George Muter VAS803, Col. Charles Dabney R13624, and Thomas H.
Drew R13852]. His name remained on the role of Capt. Debenport during the whole term of his service,
though he was often detached off for a season under other officers. He once served on a detachment
several months under Capt. Grier preparing & taking care of ammunition, and then he returned to his
former service under Capt. Debenport, in whose service he remained until the 20th or 21st September 1781
when he was discharged, having remained in actual service two years and 7 months
He resided in Chesterfield county and state of Virginia before he entered the service: that he was not in
any battle though he was in Richmond when Gen. Arnold entered that town [Benedict Arnold, 5 Jan
1781], but the Americans had not troops enough there at that time to resist him.
He further states that he inlisted in the town of Williamsburgh [Williamsburg] in the State of Virginia at
the time above mentioned He has been at Yorktown, at Hampton, at Charlottesville in Albemarle county,
at Staunton in Augusta county, at Point-Fork on James river [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence with
Rivanna River], and through the intermediate country between those places though he was on detachments
when he was at the most of those places.
He further states that he received a discharge signed by Lieut. Col. Charles Dabner dated 20th or 21st
September 1781 which discharge as he is informed is now in the office of the war department in
Washington city, having been sent there by him 6 or 8 years ago when he applied there for a pension for
services done in the continental line in the year 1778 and the part of the year 1779 previous to his inlisting
in the Virginia service as above set forth; which application was defeated by reason of his name not having
been regularly enrolled at head quarters and by those who managed his business as he is informed, stating
he entered the service in 1777 instead of 1778. He is informed his name is enrolled among those of the
Virginia State troops in the office of the War department in the City of Washington. He 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
I was born in February 1759 in chesterfield county virginia where I was living when I entered the service
in my several tours. I have no record of my age. I lived until I was forty years of age in Chesterfield
county Virginia when I moved to Charlotte Va. where living a few years I moved to Williamson county
Tennessee where I have been living ever since and now live. I name Gen Martin Elem Russell and
Thomas D Porter who can certify to their belief of my services and my veracity. I know of no person who
can prove my service. I have no documents except those named of my services

John hisXmark Gates

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

This is to Certify that John Gates enlisted as a soldier in the state garrison Regm't September 20th 1778[?]
and Continued [two undeciphered words] untill September 20th 1781[?]
May 20th 1783. D. Mann Lt. SL [David Mann]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Mann". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text.