

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Bates S2938

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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: August Sessions 1832

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting James Bates – a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-one years who first being 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated, to wit, that in the year 1780 he was drafted in Orange County North Carolina and joined the Army in Orange County in said State under General Lincholen [Benjamin Lincoln], Colonel O'Neal [William O'Neal], Major Guinn & Captain Travsell [probably James Trousdale?] from thence he was marched to Charles town [sic, Charleston] where he remained three months where he was discharged making in all from the time he entered the service about five months, in about two months after he returned home from said tour he was again Drafted in said County and State and was kept in the neighboring Counties to keep down the Tories, he states that he was in one battle on Haw River at Whitesells Mill [Wetzel's Mill, March 6, 1781], at no of the particular battles in several skirmishes, was discharged by Colonel Hinton [perhaps John Hinton] at Santee hills and lost the same at Cheraw.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day & year last before written.

S/ James Bates, X his mark

[James Holt & William Barnes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee, Sullivan County

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833 Personally appeared before me Samuel Rhea – an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County James Bates the applicant for pension to whose declaration the objections in the foregoing brief are marked in red ink, and after being first duly sworn by me deposed & stated in amendment & explanation of his said declaration that he in his two several engagements served in the Revolutionary war the term of six months – of which service he is very confident – as a private soldier each time & embracing the whole term. That in answer to No. 13 of the foregoing he states that there is no witness by whom he can now prove his service. And in answer to interrogatories 1, 2, 6, 7 under No. 19, That he was born in the County of Brunswick State of Virginia on the \_\_ day of March 1764 that he has no record evidence of his age in his possession. That he was discharged by Colonel Hinton at Santee Hills South Carolina. That James Hall & William Barnes are persons well known to him of his veracity who have testified as to his veracity, & given evidence of their knowledge of his reputed service in the Revolutionary war. Sworn to & subscribed before me the date first before written.

Test: S/ Saml. Rhea, JP

S/ S/ James Bates, X his mark

James Bates further states that he is confident that when he entered the service in December 1780, he understood his father then to tell him that he was 16 years of age and that he is 68 years old last March instead of 71 as stated in his original declaration and believes that Mr. Blair who drew up his original declaration misunderstood him as he made the same statement to him that he has now made, to wit that he was 16 years old when he entered the Service in December 1780-- Sworn and Subscribed the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833. S/ James Bates, X his mark

Test: S/ Saml Rhea, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]