

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Bates S35176

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,

Montgomery County, Sct.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the circuit court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared William Bates aged fifty two years; – who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War;” that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the county of Bath; and that he was enlisted for during the war at Prince Edward Court House in the state of Virginia on or about the fall of the year 1779 by one John Davison a soldier, and served in the company commanded by Captain [Tarpley] White of the [blank] Regiment Virginia troops Commanded by Col William Davis [sic: William Davies] – that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, in the continental army, against the common enemy, until about the Spring 1783 when he was honorably discharged from service at [blank] in the state of [blank]; that he was in service about three years and one half and was in the battles of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], James Town [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], & at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], after which he fell sick and his officers neglected giving him a discharge, the war being over and no call for troops, & the other troops discharged. and that when he got well he did not know where to go for his discharge. and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted

Joseph Hensley Esqr. states on oath that he served in the same Company with the above named William Bates and was orderly Seargent of the Company and knows that said Bates served, as a Soldier for during the war from the date of his Enlistment

State of Kentucky, Bath Circuit Sct: Aug: Term 1822.

William Bates a Revolutionary pensioner produced in Open Court a Schedule of his Estate and made oath to the same agreeably to Law, whereupon it was examined and the Court being satisfied therewith ordered the same to be recorded in the words and figures following towit; “Bath Circuit Sct On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1822 personally appeared in Open Court it being a Court of Record for said Circuit William Bates aged 57 years the 14 July 1822 resident in the County of Bath in said Circuit, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: In the Second Regiment Virginia line Commanded by Colo. William Davis and was inlisted by William Davidson and individual and was attached to a company commanded by Captain William Reed, he was enlisted about three years and a half before the close of the war the precise time not now recollected. the number of his pension certificate is 6943 and his original statement bears date the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income

other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. To wit; Two Guns \$28— That he is by Occupation a Salt Petre Maker that he is unable to make a living owing to age and infirmity; he has no family except himself

William Bates"

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: William Bates/ age17/ height 5 2¼/ planter/ born in Bedford County VA/ residing in Prince Edward County/ light brown hair/ hazel eyes/ swarthy complexion.