

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Bates S35186

VA

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District of Kentucky Sct:

On this 19th of May 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Circuit Judges for the Comelth afores'd personally appeared Thomas Bates aged 64 years resident in Scott County in the s'd District who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United states in the Revolutionary war; that he the said Thomas Bates enlisted in the year 1777 or '78 in the state of virginia During the war in the company commanded by Capt Blackwell [William Blackwell BLWt1861-300] 11th virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Febecker [sic: Christian Febiger] as well as he recollects, and in a short time he was transfered to the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colo Thos Marshall [Thomas Marshall] in the continental establishment and served till the close of the war in the service of the United States and was Discharged from service in the state of Virginia at Cumberland Court house. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power, save what he here produces of his said services

Sworn to and declared before me this Day and year afores'd

District of Kentucky Ss.

On this 6th day of September 1820 personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the Scott circuit court & expressly made a court of record by the laws of the state and in said district Thomas Bates aged sixty-five years, resident in the county of Scott and state of Ky who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follow: Viz

In the company commanded by Capt. William Blackwell and the eleventh Virginia regiment commanded by Col. Feebecker in the Va line agreeably to a former declaration dated the 19th day of May 1818 and pension certificate No. 13.964.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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. Viz

One mare and colt worth	\$35.00
One Horse	14.00
two old plows	3.00
one hoe	1.00
two tables	3.00
two kettles and one pot	6.00
one debt on Rich'd Sims	25.00
one d[itt]o. on Jacob Stogil	16.00
In the hands of E. Craig	<u>160.00</u>
	\$263.00

Thomas hisXmark Bates

I am by profession a farmer but crippled in one hand and unable to pursue it, and I have only myself in family.

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

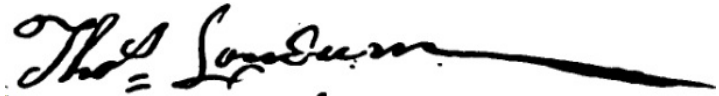
I Thomas Bates of the County of Scott & State of Kentucky, do on oath declare that I at the commencement or soon after the commencement of the Revolutionary war enlisted as a Soldier in Capt. Wm Blackwells Company in the eleventh Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment, & to serve during the war, that I did so serve in this or other Regiment to the close of the war & was honorably discharged from the service, but which discharge I have now lost & can not find it; that I did serve in said War six years & one half, & have never received my Military bounty Land Warrant nor sold or disposed of it in any way whatever, and that I do not know of any other person now living that I can come on by whom I could [undeciphered word] said services except those whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

[18 Sep 1818]

Thomas hisXmark Bates

I Thomas Landrum [S35512] of the County of Scott & State of Kentucky do on oath declare that I was a Soldier in the [blank] Virginia Continental Regiment in the Revolutionary war, that I knew in service the aforesaid Thomas Bates who was a Soldier at the time I knew him in Capt. Kilpatrick's Company in Col. Gaskins [Thomas Gaskins BLWt867-450] Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment – That I understood & do believe that said Bates enlisted to serve during the war & did serve to the close of it, & was honorably discharged, but which discharge I have understood & do believe he has lost.

[19 Sep 1818]

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thos Landrum", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

I James Barton of the county of Harrison & State of Kentucky do on oath declare that I lived in the time of the Revolutionary war in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia and that in the year 1775 the aforesaid Thomas Bates lived with me as an apprentice to the Blacksmith business that the said Bates enlisted as a Soldier in Capt. Wm Blackwells Company in the eleventh Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment in the said war, and to serve during the war & marched to the Northward – that I have always understood & do believe that the said Bates did serve to the close of the war, & until peace was made & was honorably discharged – that he came to my house directly from the army after peace – that I have understood & believe that said Bates has lost his said discharge.

James hisXmark Barton

I Thomas Bates of the County of Scott & State of Kentucky do swear that I was raised in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia, that in the year 1777 or 78 I in the said County of Fauquier enlisted to serve during the war into Capt Blackwells Company in the Eleventh Virginia Continental Regiment commanded by Col. Feebecker, – Some time after I was transferred to Col. Marshalls Regiment & that I served until the close of the war, & was honourably discharged, but which discharge I lost considering it of no consequence, that I was in the battles of Brandywine – Germantown, Monmouth & York Town [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep = 19 Oct 1781] – that about six years after I was discharged from the army I removed to the State of Kentucky where I have ever since resided & have never since been back to Virginia – that I have never received my bounty land warrant, or before applied for it. The reason why I did not apply for it immediately after the peace, was, I was told that it was of no significance[?], as the land [undeciphered word] laid in the Indian Country, & could not be settled, & that after I came to this country I was so far from Richmond that I did not know how to get it or who to apply to for it. – and that I do not know of any other person now living who knew me in the service.

Thomas hisXmark Bates

[19 June 1819]

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Powhatan Courthouse VA lists the following: Thomas Bates/ age 21/ height 5' 5³/₄"/ dark hair/ grey eyes/ fair complexion/ blacksmith/ born and residing in Fauquier County where he was drafted on 5 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Previously served two years in the 3rd Virginia Regiment.

On 27 July 1819 James Barton made affidavit in support of the federal pension application as follows: "That in the year 1776 and part of the year 1777 said Bates lived with him the said Barton in Fauquir [sic: Fauquier] County in the State of Virginia and in the latter year towit in 1777 said Bates enlisted as a private soldier in Capt Blackwells company which belonged to the 11th Virginia Regiment on the Continental esblishment & was commanded by Col. Feebecker. That some time before Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] said Bates returned to the said Barton's house & remained there a few days and then set out to join the army again & never returned until the end of the war."