

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Yeates (Yates) <sup>1</sup> S7988

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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Virginia, to wit:

On this 25th day of September 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of the County of Halifax, John Yeates a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about 81 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he enlisted with Capt. Henry Quarles, in Williamsburg for three years in Col. Thomas Marshall's Regiment of State Artillery in the year 1777, and was at the time of his enlistment a resident of the said County and State where he has ever resided. Sometime after he enlisted in Williamsburg, he was marched from Williamsburg to Little York and was stationed the principal part of his time in Little York and a small part of the time during his service in the Williamsburg and he served in the aforesaid Col. Thomas Marshall's Regiment of State Artillery under some of the following Officers, all of whom belonged to the aforesaid Thomas Marshall's Regiment, viz. the said Col. Thomas Marshall,<sup>2</sup> Col. Elias Edmonds,<sup>3</sup> Capt. Gideon Johnson,<sup>4</sup> Christopher Roan,<sup>5</sup> William Thompson, William Spiller, Thomas Marshall and John Williams, Lieutenants Nathanael Rice, John Spencer,<sup>6</sup> Yancey Lipscomb,<sup>7</sup> Humphrey Marshall,<sup>8</sup> Bumard [?] Lipscomb [Bernard Lipscomb?], James Clavirus, Robert Brown, Walter Graham,<sup>9</sup> Austin Cown, and William Ballard. He the said Yeates served as a soldier only about one month, he acted as a bombardier about 18 months and to the best of his recollection after he received a Commission as Lieut. he acted as a Lieut. and remained in actual service as a Lieut. as aforesaid about 12 months and then became a supernumerary officer and remained to the close of the war and his commission as a Lieut. as aforesaid he lost many years since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and his claim for half pay during life as a Lieut. of State Artillery in the Regiment of the aforesaid Col. Thomas Marshall agreeably to a Judgment of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for Henrico County at the Capital in the City of Richmond the 7th day of June 1832. And he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State except as above stated.

S/ John Yeates<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Note on cover sheet reads: "See N. A. Acc. No. 874 No. 050 200 Half Pay John Yeates"

<sup>2</sup> [Thomas Marshall VAS494](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Elias Edmonds \(Edmonds\) VAS2004](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Gideon Johnston \(Johnson\) S38089](#)

<sup>5</sup> He MAY be the officer referred to in the application of the heirs of [Christopher Roane X635](#).

<sup>6</sup> [John Spencer W6156](#)

<sup>7</sup> [Yancy Lipscomb 874-050103](#), one page "no pension file for this veteran" "N. A. Acc No. 874, 050 103 Half Pay."

<sup>8</sup> [Humphrey Marshall S31234](#)

<sup>9</sup> [Walter Graham R14600](#)

<sup>10</sup> Not believed to be the actual signature of the veteran as the handwriting is identical to the body of the application

[attested by} S/ Samuel Williams

[There follows what appear to be at least some of the papers filed in the court proceedings mentioned above. I have elected not to transcribe all of those since they contain a lot of legal boilerplate language but have transcribed the following documents relating to the military services of applicant.]

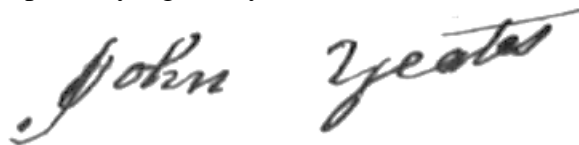
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By virtue of the enclosed writ or Commission to us directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Henrico County: We, Matthew J. Rowlet and John L. Pleasants Justices of the peace for the County of Halifax, have assembled ourselves this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832, at the dwelling house of Charles Hudson<sup>11</sup> in Halifax County and State of Virginia, and have caused the aforesaid Charles Hudson to appear before us and after swearing him on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, have proceeded to take the deposition of the said Hudson which is intended to be read as evidence in behalf of John Yates [sic] in a cause now pending in the aforesaid Court between the said John Yates appellant, and the Commonwealth of Virginia as is expressed in the aforesaid writ or commission to us directed. Who witnesseth and saith that Lieutenant John Yates was a subaltern officer, stationed at Little York, and attached to Colonel Marshall's Regiment of State Artillery. He recollects that the said Yates was the Officer of the guard a few days previous to the day on which Newton and Fitzpatrick were hanged at Williamsburg for desertion &c. He the said Hudson knew the aforesaid Gates before he entered into the service and also knew the said Yates was from the aforesaid County of Halifax, where the said Yates has ever resided since the close of the War of the revolution, and he the said Hudson was a soldier from the aforesaid County of Halifax who had enlisted in the said Colonel Marshall's Regiment of State Artillery for the term of three years, and served the aforesaid term of three years in the said Colonel Marshall's Regiment of State Artillery to which Regiment the said Lieutenant John Yates was attached: and the said Hudson has resided in the said County of Halifax ever since the close of the Revolutionary War.

Question by the plaintiff, Viz.: the said Lieutenant John Yates, what would you suppose to be my age? Answer I suppose you to be between 80 and 85 years old. Question by same, What is your age? Answer I shall be 74 years old next March, should it please Almighty God for me to live until then. Question by the same, Is or is not the person who is now questioning you the same Lieutenant John Yates alluded to in the forepart of your deposition, who you state was a Lieutenant in the War of the Revolution, attached to Colonel Marshall's Regiment of State Artillery? Answer, You are the identical same person. Question by the same, Do you or do you not know that I remained a Lieutenant as aforesaid and never did resign to the close of the war of the Revolution? Answer From my own Knowledge and from information (which information I believe to be true) you never did resign, and remained as a Lieutenant as aforesaid to the close of the Revolutionary War. And further the deponent saith not.

S/ Charles Hudson, X his mark

[pp 60-61: A letter dated August 20<sup>th</sup> 1835 from Halifax County Virginia [addressee not clear] purportedly signed by the veteran

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Yates". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

to transcribe it.]

The handwriting is so poor that I have elected not to try

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<sup>11</sup> [Charles Hudson S5576](#)

[p 5: Letter dated December 19, 1850 given in Halifax County Virginia by James H Yeates and Gilderoy Yeates, children of the veteran authorizing their agent, Robert H. Gray, to reopen the pension claim of their father John Yates [sic] who was a pensioner at the rate of \$254 per annum but who should have received \$400 per annum

*James H Yeates  
Gilderoy Yeates*

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[Facts in the file: Veteran died July 14, 1847]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$254 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant for 12 months in the Artillery and for 12 months as a Bombardier.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that John Yeates enlisted in the state Regiment of Artillery the last of September 1777, was promoted to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant 11 February 1780 & was disbanded 6 February 1781.

S/ Wm Thompson, Late

Capt. V. S. A.

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1786

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Reg<sup>t</sup> of Artillery the last of September 1777  
was promoted to a second Lieut. 11 Feb. 1780  
& was disbanded 6 Feb. 1781.*

*Wm Thompson late  
Capt. V. S. A.  
Jan. 18. 1786*