

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Coates S8232

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State of Virginia Caroline County

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Caroline William Coates a resident of said County & state of Virginia aged 77 years but I have no record of this fact who being 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832

I was born, raised and educated in the County of Caroline and have lived in the said County all my life I entered the war of the Revolution first as a Volunteer under Capt Wm Marshall [William Marshall] from this County for a tour of 2 months. We marched first to Williamsburg where we staid about a fortnight and proceeded from thence to York Town where we remained a short time & then returned back to Williamsburg where we were discharged.

I engaged in another tour of 3 months service in the year 1778 as a volunteer in the Company Commanded by Capt Philip Buckner from this County. We marched first to Richmond, & there joined the third Regiment of the Virginia state Line, then commanded by Major de Cluman [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman] & Majill [McGill?]. We remained there but a short time before we proceeded to Williamsburg. We returned up the James to a place called Ruffins ferry [Ruffin's Ferry near Sweet Hall] where we crossed over the [Pamunkey] river & proceeded on to a place called Cabin Point, which I believe lies in the County of Surry or Isle of Wight [Surry]. We proceeded from thence to a place called Mackays where we remained several days. We were then marched back to Cabin point from thence to Petersburg where we remained until discharged.

I was also called into service by a regular draft upon the militia of this County & was drafted into a Company commanded by Thomas Hawes specially appointed to guard a parcel of powder & military stores at the Bull church in this County in which service we were engaged for about two months.

In the year 1781 I was again drafted into the service by a regular draft upon the militia of our County & was allotted to the Company Commanded by Capt Francis Tompkins. We were detailed on this occasion to procure & drive Cattle for the army. We collected a good parcel which we drove them to Burkes old tavern from where they were taken on to the army then lying in Gloucester. We were engaged as well as I recollect about two months in this service which was the last time I was called out.

The field officers whom I remember were Generals [Alexander] Spotswood Col Taylor & Col Matthews [probably Sampson Mathews] & Genl Lafayette & Genl [Thomas] Nelson.

I am well known to Wm. W. Dickenson Henry C Coleman, Col Fleming Terrell Majr. Philip Samuel, Col Arch'd Samuel and Atwell C Coleman

I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatsoever, and I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present. [signed] Wm. Coates

State of Virginia: Caroline County to wit:

On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of may 1833 Wm. Coates personally appeared before the County Court of Caroline, who being duly sworn according to Law doth make the following statement by way of amendment to the foregoing declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he distinctly recollects that his services during the revolution were for a period of time of Eight months at least as a private soldier. Being old & his memory not accurate upon the subject he feels willing to put them down to the lowest period.

He has no documentary evidence to establish his services that he is apprised of. Mr. Patrick Carnall [pension application S8156] and Mr. Wm. Harris [William Harris, S6954] are the only living witnesses

who can prove any portion of his services whose affidavits are hereto annexed.  
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