

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Gates W19485

Liddy Gates

VA

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State of Virginia,

Chesterfield County S.S.

On this 25th day of February 1840, before me Edward F. Perkinson a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Mrs. Liddy Gates aged 80 years a respectable resident of said County – who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision, made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled “An act granting half pay, and pensions to certain widows:” That she is the widow of William Gates dec’d. of said County, who was a private in the Revolutionary war, and in the Continental line of service – that from what she the declarant could learn from her dec’d husband Wm. Gates – he must have been in the whole or most of the Revolutionary War. That he enlisted early in the war, as she thinks under Capt. Faulkner [probably Ralph Falkner, a Captain from 1 Mar 1776 - 22 May 1777], and went to the North, and served several years and returned – and then served a tour in the Militia in the lower part of the State, part of his time guarding the magazine – that he again enlisted, and went to the South, was at Charleston in South Carolina [probably after late 1781] – was selected as one to go and blow up the enemies works – that she heard him say he had to fight the Tories in South Carolina – and she thinks he went to Georgia – that during his Southern service, he was in the cavalry most of time – that Moses Anders, Frank Dyer [see endnote], and Joel Bragg was with him – and that during part of service at the north while in the Infantry, he was in the same company, and in the same mess – with Daniel Worsham, who she thinks was a Sergeant [see endnote] – that she has heard her dec’d husband Wm. Gates speak very highly of said Worsham, of his kindness to the men &c – and have heard him say frequently, that he was in the same Company and same mess with him the said Dan’l. Worsham – and that, the Wm. Gates named in the Certificate of Balance of pay, for £46.11 and delivered to Dan’l. Worsham 28th Oct. 1784 was declarants husband, as she knows of no other Wm. Gates who was acquainted with Dan’l. Worsham at that time, and who could have been in the service with him. And for further proof of her husbands services she will have to depend on the record, and documentary evidence, at Washington and Richmond And she, said Liddy Gates (whose maiden name was Granger) further declares, that she was married to the said Wm. Gates in or about the month of May, in the year 1784 – and that her husband the aforesaid Wm Gates, died on the 9th day of March 1816; That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place, previous to the first day of January 1794 – viz: at the time above stated – and also, that she has remained unmarried ever since the death of her husband as aforesaid, to the present time – all of which will more fully appear by the proof annexed.

Test/ William E. Gates

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 28th day of October 1784, in the name of William Gates as a Soldier of Infantry for £46.11.00, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Dan’l Worsham and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

p. 157 Given under my hand at the Auditor’s Office, Richmond, this 30th day of December 1839.

Jas E Heath AUDITOR.

NOTES:

It appears from his pension that Francis Dyer (S39476) served in 1780 under Capt. James Gunn in the 1st Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons commanded by Col. Anthony Walton White.

A Daniel Worsham (VAS21) served in Lt. Col. William Washington's 3rd Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons, but there is no indication that he was a Sergeant.

On 24 Feb 1840, John Perkinson, about 70, of Chesterfield County, stated that he had seen William Gates in a Troopers (cavalryman's) uniform while he was on furlough, and that he and Liddy Granger were married in Chesterfield County "at the Glebe, by the Rev'd. Wm. Leigh of the Church of England." The file contains a family record certified by Liddy Gates's son, William E. Gates, and transcribed below.

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fanne gates was born November the 29 Day In 1787

Dolly wain Gates daughter to Wm & Lydia Gates was born the 24th June 1790

Benjamin Gates son of Wm and Lydia Gates was born November 15th 1792

William Epps son of the same was born [page damaged] 1798 [last digit unclear]