

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Cate (Cote) W3769

Sarah

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North Carolina: SS

On this 18th day of June A.D. 1818 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Courts of Equity of the said State personally appeared Robert Cate aged sixty-eight years or thereabouts resident and Orange County in said State 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 Robert enlisted in Orange County in North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain John Griffith of the fourth Battalion of the Continental Battalions of North Carolina; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until 30th day of August 1779 when he was discharged from service in Hillsboro in North Carolina by Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Lytle having served in said Corps twelve months or thereabouts, & exceeding the term of nine months – (All which will more fully appear by his original discharge annexed hereto; which he saith is a true & genuine paper writing & that he is the person therein named & discharged; & which he makes a part of this his declaration): That he was in the Battles of Stono & Bryer Creek [sic, Brier Creek] aside some skirmishes & that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, then that hereto annexed or evidence similar thereto: –

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid at Orange County

S/ Thomas Ruffin

S/ Robert Cate, X his mark

North Carolina: SS

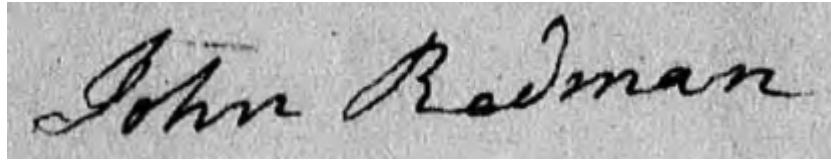
On this 18th day of June A.D. 1818 before me the subscribing Judge as above written, personally appeared John Redmond, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, say & testify that he is well acquainted with the above named Robert Cate & has been since the year 1773 or 1774 & that he well remembers that in September 1778 or thereabouts the said Robert was enrolled to serve as a soldier in the fourth Battalion of the Continental North Carolina Line for nine months & that he went into said service & remained therein for the term of one year or thereabouts & exceeding nine months, when he was discharged as mentioned by the said Robert in his declaration. He saith and further that the said Robert is in reduced

circumstances & needs the assistance of his country for support – That he lives near to him & well knows his circumstances & doth believe that exclusive of a very small parcel of household furniture, the whole value of his property & state of every description does not exceed \$100.

Subscribed & sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid at Orange County

S/ Thomas Ruffin

S/ John Redman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Redman". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged or off-white.

State of North Carolina Orange County: Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1820 being the Court of Record for said County

On the 27th day of May 1820 personally appeared in open Court Robert Cate aged sixty-nine years resident in the County of Orange aforesaid who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he served in the fourth Regiment in the Company Commanded by Captain Griffy as will more fully appear by reference to his former declaration bearing date the 21st of January 1819 and numbered 5676. I Robert Cate 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act 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” 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

Schedule of Robert Cate's Property

2 Small Horses	1 Mattock
1 Sow & 6 pigs	4 Hoes
3 Cows	2 Potts
2 Axes	1 Oven
	3 Chairs

Robert Cate states that he is aged 70 years, that he is unable to support himself by his labor as a farmer which is his Occupation – That he has a wife upwards of 50 years of age & who is unable to work and is no assistance to him – he states further that he has three daughters viz. Rachel, Betsey & Polly aged 20 – 17 – 11 years –

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 27th May 1820.

S/ Robert Cate, X his mark

[fn p. 19: printed form: filled in additions in italics]

Robert Cate Having completed his Term of Service (Nine Months) in the 4th Battalion, agreeable to Act of Assembly, he is hereby discharged, and is entitled to all the Privileges Specified in the Act of Assembly for Completing the Continental Battalions of North-Carolina.

Given under my Hand, this 30th day of August 1779.

S/ Arch'd Lytle, Lt Col

[fn p. 13: On May 25, 1841 in Orange County North Carolina, Sarah Cate, an inmate of the Poor-house of Orange County, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Cate late a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that her husband died March 19, 1832; that she was married to him sometime in the month of August 1785.]

[fn p. 9: On May 29, 1841 in Orange County North Carolina, Rhoda Johnston testified that she saw Robert Cates & Sally Cole joined together as husband and wife; that they lived together as such until his death; to the best of her recollection they were married in the year 1785 in June or July; that Sally Cates now lives in the Poor house of said County.]

[fn p. 10: copy of the marriage bond issued to Robert Cates and John Riggs June 14th [?] 1786 to secure the marriage of Robert Cate to Sarah Coleman.]

[fn p. 29: on September 25, 1848 in Guilford County North Carolina, Sarah Cate, 76, reaffirmed that she was still a widow of Robert Cate.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing June 8, 1818, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]