

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Gates W5279 Sarah Gates MD
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State of Ohio Adams County ss.

I do hereby certify this day William Gates a citizen of the United States and this state personally appeared before me the subscriber a Judge of the Court of Common pleas in and for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn according to law made the following declaration under Oath. Towit that he served three years and seven months in the army of the United States in the revolutionary war against the common enemy, in the Maryland line on continental establishment That he entered the service under Capt. [William] Bruce of the first Maryland Regiment in the year 1778, served nine months, procured his discharge and returned home That in the month of March in the year 1780 he enlisted for three years under Capt'n Joseph Marberry [sic: Joseph Marbury] in the first Maryland Regiment commanded by Colo. [Otho Holland] Williams that some time in the Winter of 1783 he received from Gen'l [William] Smallwood an honorable discharge and left the army after the conclusion of peace that there is not any person in this country within his knowledge by whom he can prove the foregoing statement That he gave his discharge to Colo. Harrison to draw the pay due to this deponent from the United States having at that time sold his pay to the said Col. Harrison and therefor has it not in his power to forward his discharge with this deposition That he never received any pension from the United States That he was in the battle of Gen'l. Gates defeat [Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] That he was in the Battle at the Cowpens in South Carolina [17 Jan 1781], at the Battle at the Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781]; at the Battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781] & at the Seige of ninty Six [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] That he is now about fifty seven years of age and very infirm & from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

William hisXmark Gates

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On this 11th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record having the power of fine and imprison for the County and in the State aforesaid William Gates aged about sixty years resident in Adams County in the said state who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows that he inlisted in the year 1780 for the term of three years in Capt't. Joseph Marberry's Company attached to the first Maryland regiment & that Lieut. Mangers [Nicholas Mangers] commanded said Company untill he fell in a duel at Hillsborgh [sic: Hillsborough] North Carolina that one Duvall [sic: Isaac Duval] then assumed and kept the command of said Company untill a short time previous to the battle at Eutaw Springs, when Capt. Marberry joined and took command. that he was in the Battles of Campdon under Gen'l. Gates at the Cowpens under Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan at the Eutaw Springs under Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] At the second engagement at Campden under Gen'l. Green and the Siege of "Fort 96" as he believes in South Carolina – that he received a discharge from Gen'l. Smallwood in Charles County Maryland that his original Declaration was dated the 28th aug't. 1818 Pension Certificate No. 11.716. 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 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the Eighteenth 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 William hisXmark Gates

		Brgt Up	\$135 17
1 Mare	\$25 00	Tea spoons & shot gun	\$8 35
1 Horse	40 00	Saddle & bridle (worn)	5 00
4 Horned Cattle	33 00	2 Wood axes	3 50
5 Hogs	7 "	Good Iron Wash tubs & }	
2 Sows & 11 Piggs	6 00	Tin Cup & pepper box }	1 62
4 Chairs & one Table	3 00	14 acres of corn self & son }	
2 Trunks & small pott	3 50	on partnership paying }	14 00
1 Skillet & buckets	1 80	third p't Rent (say) }	
Knives forks & 3 plates	1 37	18 acres of wheat & oats be- }	
2 Ploughs 2 Hoes & Gears	11 25	tween self and son paying }	16 00
Tea Ware Coffee & Tea }		1/3 for Rent (say) }	
potts & China }	2 25	potatoes in the ground	<u>4 25</u>
Canister Crocks & }			
Candle Molds }	<u>1 00</u>		\$187 79
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I owe \$8.68½

That his family consists of himself & wife Sarah aged about seventy years and his son William aged about 25 years of vicious and dissipated habits so much so as to become a charge that he is from age and infirmity unable to perform hard Labor. William hisXmark Gates

NOTE:

On 15 June 1822 John H. Guy certified that he was in court when William Gates presented the schedule of his property, and the judge told him that he did not have to declare as income the \$40 per year he received as a pension from Maryland. A letter dated 27 Jan 1824 indicates that Gates was dropped from the federal pension roll, but would be willing to give up his Maryland pension to regain the federal pension. A note in the file indicates that his pension was restored on 31 Jan 1824.

On 23 April 1840 Sarah Gates, age 70 or 80, of Brown County OH, applied for a pension stating that she was the widow of William Gates, who died on 27 or 28 Oct 1829. She stated that her daughter Mary was over 50, and her son Allen nearly 50. Mary Gates certified that according to her family record she was born on 10 July 1786, and that her parents were married at the time. The file includes a record showing that a license was issued in Charles County MD for the marriage of William Gates and Sarah McDaniel on 26 Nov 1793.

On 15 Aug 1843 Mary Guy stated that she did not know her age but had been told that she was two years older than her brother Allen Gates, and that the statement that she was born in 1786 was a mistake. She also stated that her parents were living in Charles County MD when they were married by a Roman Catholic priest. She also stated that she lived with her parents in Charles County until they moved to Ohio in 1817. On the same day Allen Gates made a similar statement and said that he was about 46. On 16 Aug 1843 Sarah Gates stated that she was married to William Gates on 26 Nov 1793.

On 25 Nov 1843 Sarah Gates was said to be 78 and living in Aberdeen in Brown County.