

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Coates W10675 ½

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The District of West Tennessee

Of this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1820, before me the Subscriber, a Judge of the Courts of the United States for the Districts of East & West Tennessee personally appeared William Coates aged 59 years, resident in the County of Davidson in said District, 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 William Coates enlisted for two years, and the next enlistment for three years and during the War, that first enlistment in the fall of the year 1775 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Hawes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Spotswood in the line of the State of Virginia or the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve both of his said terms faithfully and that he was discharged after the battle of the Eutaw Springs, that he was in the Battles of Germantown, Brandywine, Monmouth, at the taking of Stony Point, and many other battles, that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Service.

S/ Wm. Coates

Sworn to & declared before me the date above.

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

District of West Tennessee

On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court in the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Davidson County in the State of Tennessee it being a court of record. William Coates, aged fifty nine years and seven months, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820. That he the said William Coates enlisted for the term of two years, the first time in the fall of 1775; in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Hawes in the regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment; that before the first enlistment was quite expired, he enlisted again for the term of three years, in the State of Pennsylvania at Valley Forge Camp in the company of the said Captain Samuel Hawes in the regiment commanded by the said Colonel Alexander Spotswood in the line of the State of Virginia in the continental establishment; that after serving about two years of the second enlistment he enlisted again for a term during the war in the company of Captain William Bentley in the regiment commanded by Colonel Christian Phebecker [sic, Christian Febiger] in the line of the State of Virginia in the continental establishment, which last enlistment also took place in Pennsylvania at Valley Forge Camp; that he continued to serve in said camp until the fall of 1781, having before that period exchanged his last term of enlistment with an eighteen months man, when when he was discharged from said service at Thompson's Farm in the State of South Carolina. That he was in the battles of Brandy Wine [sic, Brandywine], the taking of Stony Point, in the battle of Guilford, in the battle of Campden [sic, Camden, probably a reference to the battle known as the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill], in the siege of Ninety Six, and in the battle of the Eutaw Springs, and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of said service except his own oath. And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 I the said William Coates do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner dispersed 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 18<sup>th</sup>

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 following schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed-- that is to say not one article of property either real or personal in the world. My occupation has been that of a planter, which I am now unable through age and infirmity to pursue any longer. My family consists of myself and wife, and we subsist at present upon the bounty of our son, Austin Coates, who has no family of his own, who is the owner of two slaves and a fine house, but who is about to leave this State and fix his residence in Virginia this coming fall. I was an orderly sergeant for the last eighteen months of my servitude.

S/ William Coates

Sworn to and declared on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820, before us Thomas Claiborne, Thomas Edmiston & R.C. Foster justices of said court of pleas and quarter sessions of Davidson County Tennessee in open court it being a court of record. As declared by statute of the State of Tennessee 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820

I Certify that William Coates was a Soldier in Captain Samuel Hows [sic] Company of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment in the Continental establishment and that he served three years in the said Regiment which was the term of his enlistment and that at this time he is old, poor & infirm and that he stands in need of the aid of his Country for support.

S/ Thomas Overton, Late Captain in the Continental Army of the United States  
State of Tennessee, Davidson County

On this the 8th day of November 1845 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace, Mrs. Susannah Coates formerly Susannah Dismukes, a resident of Tennessee in the County of Sumner aged Eighty years, 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 the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1844 entitled an act to continue the pensions of certain widows-that she is the widow of William Coates, who was a pensioner and drew at the agency at Nashville Tennessee at the rate of ninety six dollars per annum until his death which occurred on the sixth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty four.---She further declares that she was married to the said William Coates in Spottsylvania County, State of Virginia by a parson named John Waller on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty two, and furthermore that the cause of making her declaration out of the county wherein she resides is that the dividing line between the counties of Sumner wherein she now lives and Davidson is in a very short distance and that all business she may have to transact in relation to a pension will be more convenient in Davidson County. The distance to Nashville Davidson County being nearer than it is to Gallatin the County seat of Sumner. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Susannah Coats

Before me E P Connell Justice of the Peace For said county. I hereby certify that I have been acquainted with Mrs. Susannah Coates for the last twenty years and that from old age and bodily infirmities she is unable to attend in open court, and that she still continues to be the widow of William Coates.

S/ E.P. Connell