

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to James Bates VAS2423
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The heirs of James Bates, David Campbell [VAS2424] and John Henderson [VAS2425] pray an allowance of Bounty Land for three years service in the revolutionary War. They file the within certificate of Henry Skinner [S7521], in addition to the evidence already filed, in support of their claims. These soldiers are reported by the Agent to the Executive as entitled to bounty land in Doc. No 34, page 15 and 16, Session 1833-34.
Rich'd D Webb, for the heirs.

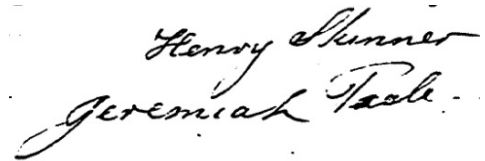
Affidavit of Henry Skinner. The affiant being duly sworn, sayeth, that he is now seventy-four years of age, that he was a militia soldier in the revolutionary war, that he then lived and now lives in Nansemond County, Virginia; that he knew James Bates and only lived about four miles from him; that the said James Bates enlisted, as he has always understood, for three years, in the Virginia Continental line; that he went away to the north under Capt. Willis Riddick or Capt. Jason Riddick, but he rather thinks with the former; that he verily believes he served his full time of three years, because he did not return until Capt. Willis Riddick and Capt. Jason Riddick both returned, for they all came back together. And the affiant always understood that the said James Bates did serve three years and had been honorably discharged.

[8 July 1833]



Affidavit of Henry Skinner and of Jeremiah Peale [W5521]. [8 July 1833]

The affiants being duly sworn, depose & sayeth, that they were soldiers in the militia service in the war of the revolution, that one of the affiants, Skinner, is now Seventy-four years of age, and the other Peale is seventy seven years of age; that they lived during the revolution, and now live in Nansemond County, Virginia; that they were well acquainted with David Campbell and John Henderson of said County & state, that said David Campbell and John Henderson enlisted for three years in the regular service soon after the revolutionary war commenced, or within about twelve months after it commenced and went away from this county and were gone upwards of three years – the affiants say they enlisted for three years because they have heard others [illegible word] so, and have heard it also from the neighbours. The affiants believe that said Campbell was in the State line and Henderson in the Continental line, but are confident that they were both regular soldiers and enlisted for three years; that the said Campbell and Henderson served out their time of three years, because the affiants have heard them say that they had done so, and had received their regular discharges.



I, Jeremiah Peale, a Revolutionary Soldier and a pensioner of the U. States, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with James Bates and David Campbell and John Henderson before & after the Revolutionary War – that all three of them lived in this County, (Nansemond,) and enlisted as privates in the Va. Continental line about 1777 or '78 for three years and went to the North and served out the term of their enlistment. I don't distinctly recollect under whom they enlisted, but I think they went away about the same time that Willis Riddick did, who was a Captain in the same service. I have often talked with Bates

and Campbell & Henderson about the Revolutionary War, and have heard them say, and have always understood and believed, that they did serve out their full term of three years and were honorably discharged.

Jeremiah hisXmark Peale

Nansemond, Va May 2nd 1834

I Henry Skinner, A Revolutionary Soldier, do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with James Bates and David Campbell and John Henderson before and after the Revolutionary War; that all three of them lived in this County (Nansemond) that two of them were near neighbors of mine; that all three of them enlisted in the Virginia Continental line, in the early part of the war, I think in 1777) as privates – that they enlisted for three years, and went to the North under Capt. Willis Riddick or Capt. Jason Riddick and served out their time of enlistment before they returned home. I rather think they served under Capt. Willis Riddick because all three of them returned to the County, from the service, about the same time that he did. I was not in the same service with the said Bates and Campbell and Henderson, but knew them well before and after the Revolution, – and have often times talked with them about our toils & labors in that war after it was over. I cannot certify positively that these three soldiers served three years, as I was not in the same service with them; but I confidently believe they did because I have heard them say they enlisted for three years, and that they served out their full time of enlistment and I have always understood & believed that they were honorably discharged.

[17 May 1834]

Henry Skinner