

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of George Baith R572

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Illinois } Sct Crawford county commissioners court  
Crawford County } September 1832

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the County Commissioners Court of Crawford county, now siting being a court of Record, George Bathe a Resident of Palestine Township Count of Crawford and State of Illinois, aged (as well as he can recollect Seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in the County of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania in the year as well as he can recollect 1762, having no Record of his age; that he lived in the County of Cumberland and State of Pennsylvania when called into the service of the United States. Since the Revolution he went to Redstone [Redstone Fort in the area claimed by VA, now Brownsville PA] thence to Kentucky where he lived ten or twelve years, thence he moved to Indiana where he lived eight or ten years & then moved to Illinois where he now lives. and he was first a substitute for Andrew Crocket, that he lived with the said Andrew Crocket who was called on to serve a tour of duty, and that he (the applicant substituted to go in his place, that when he set off he went to Harrisses Ferry, on the Sysquehannah [sic: Harris's Ferry, now Harrisburg on the Susquehanna River], where he joined his company, the captains name he can not recollect, that he then marched to Reding [sic: Reading] on the Schuykill, as well as he can recollect thence to a place called the Crooked Billett aiming to join General Washington army at which place to wit the Cooked Billett he was taken prisoner by the British and sent to Philadelpha and confined in jail for some time, but on account of a severe wound received in one of his legs was sent to the Hospital, where he remained till the British left Philadelphia [18 Jun 1778], he was then permitted to go home, but how he was discharged, or released he cannot recollect, That in consequence of his being very young and only a few days with his company before taken prisoner, that he is unable to give any account, or the names of any of his officers, neither can he specify any particular dates. The applicant further says after he returned home in Cumberland County Pens'y. & had remained a short time he went to Frederick County Virginia where his mother lived from there to Barkly [sic: Berkeley] County Vi he there volunteered and entered the service the second time of the United States as a substitute in the place of David Horn, the company collect[ed] at Martinsburgh [sic: Martinsburg] Virginia and marched through Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg], thence through Bowling green to Richmond, where he drew arms & ammuniton, after some time he marched down the north side of James River to a certain point where he crossed the River; he then marched for Portsmouth but stoped at certain mills before he reached Portsmouth, then returned from the mills to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg], thence to Richmond, and after being some time in that vicinity was discharged he says he can not give any positive account of the time of his being mustered into service, nor of his discharge as he has no discharge & can not recollect any thing about his discharge, nor any of the officers names under whom he served in this second tour. The applicant states that he returned to Frederick that a man was called upon to serve a tour of militia duty (his name not recollectd). that the applicant volunteered in his place or as a substitute for him, the Company rendezvoused at Winchester Va. they were then marched & joined General Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army, and thence returned to what was called Brocks Bridge where Gen'l. Wayn and his forces joined them [sic: Anthony Wayne on North Anna River, 10 Jun 1781], from thence they were marched to Richmond Va. Some time after reaching Richmond, he was taken from his company to drive a Bagage Waggon belonging to Gen'l. Wayns Forces, where he remained

till his time of service expired, which was shortly before Cornwallice was taken prisoner [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781], he states that in this Tour as well as the other two he is unable to state his Captains name or any of the other officers, except generals Green, Wayn & Lafayette, he states that the foregoing tours were all three months tours and that he never received one dollar for the same, at each of those periods he was honorably discharged by his officers but whether in writing or parol he cannot recollect, if in writing the papers are lost, That he knows of no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services save that of Andrew Armstrong, whose deposition is hereunto annexed, he further states that David McGahey a clergyman and John Malcom in his present neighborhood, (Palestine Township County and State aforesaid) are known to him, and who will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[signed] George Baith

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I George Bathe Being duly sworn saith that to the best of my recollection I entered the service of the United States in the spring of the year 1777 & was taken prisoner to Philadelphia as set out in my original application after being exchanged, moved to Virginia and in the year 1780 served my second tour of three months, my third tour of service was in the summer of 1781 for the Term of three months, which expired two or three weeks before the capture of Lord Cornwallis One reason why I can not recollect my captain & Lieutenat, is the first tour I was soon taken prisoner & taken to Philadelphia as above stated, & in the other two tours I was detached off in small partied as a gard, with the baggage waggons and our Captains were if I recollect right generally called Captain & nothing more

George hisXmark Bathe

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> April 1833

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid George Bathe who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades  
For — year nine moths and — days I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension this 29<sup>th</sup> April 1833

NOTES: On 13 Mar 1845 Susanna Baith, age 75 on 9 Apr 1845, applied for a pension stating that she married George Baith on 15 Sep 1789, and he died 4 Oct 1844. Another document states that she was married in Clark County KY (formed in 1793 from Bourbon and Fayette counties), and her maiden name was Susanna Willson.