

Pension Application for John Gates

W.11041 (Widow: Gertrude) Married March 1, 1779. John died September 9, 1825.
Albany 29th July 1858.

Dear Sir,

My father John Gates (now dec'd) was an officer of the Revolution he entered the army as a soldier on the 25th July 1775 in Coll Clinton's Regiment in Company of John Nicholson then Captain & when with Montgomery before the walls of Quebec he was appointed a Sargeant, [sic] in Capt' Cooper's Company, John Nicholson then Coll, my father also served as Quarter Master Sargeant until 26th Dec'r 1776 when he received the appointment of an Ensign in Coll James Livingston's Reg't in which he served until 20th May 1779 when general Gates gave him a three months furlow and then came to Albany where he was prevail'd upon to take charge of the Publick Laboratory for the manufacturing of Cartridge Boxes, Bayonet Belts in other things for the Army until May 1781. This is a brief statement of his military services and for which he never has rece'd an acre of land.

My mother got a few years Pension as widow of Father, she died in 1839.

Now I see in Public Print that the commissioners of pensions have dec'd that officers & soldiers of the Wars who are entitled to land warrants or [?]entitled can be obtained by legal representatives, where there is no widow nor minor children, in this case there is neither, but there is 5 children now living. The youngest about 60 and the oldest about 78 years, my father has been dead about 33 years & mother about 20 years.

If you will be so good after reading the above to let me know wether [sic] in your opinion father's cause fi embraced in the Law of Congress and decision of the Commissioners it will be ever remembered with gratitude by us all. The majority of which are needy and if so please enclose me the blanks & forms for the application.

Yours very truly Garrit Gates

To George C. Whiting Esqr Commissioner of Pensions

P.S. I hope it will be no trouble nor inconvenience to you if you please to drop me a few lines on the receipt of this directed to Garrit Gates, Albany