

Joseph Bates

Joseph Bates Served in New Jersey as a Private during the Revolutionary War. He was born about 1745 in Waterford Works, Waterford, Camden County, New Jersey, the son of [Thomas Bates](#) and [Mary Shivers](#).

It appears he was a Quaker. He married twice, first to Judith Albertson with whom it is reported he had up to thirteen children, and then he married Ann Matlack. He died March 1, 1805 in Gloucester NJ at about the age of 60.

At the time of his death, the inventory of his possessions totaled \$194.58, which is equivalent to \$5302.00 today.

Interesting note: In the DAR database Joseph Bates' military rank is listed as Soldier (SOL).

The definition for SOL is Included in DAR Genealogy Guidelines Part 3, page 4.

A soldier is credited with the highest rank achieved during the Revolution. When proof of military service exists, but details of the service are unknown, the man is assigned the rank of "Soldier." While many men served in military capacities after the Revolutionary War period, these activities are outside the scope of the DAR verification process.