

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hay ¹R14714

f19VA

Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

3/4/14 supp'd 5/30/15 & 12/25/23

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

No. 1 Auditors Office 6 September 1833

Joseph Hay a Surgeon in the State Line received himself on the 23rd July 1782, 1/3 of his Depreciated pay amounting to £149.18.0

Joseph Hay a Surgeon in the State line received himself on the 14th of January 1783, 2/3 of his Depreciated pay amounting to £299.16.0

Extracts from the Journal of the House of Delegates viz.

No. 2 Thursday, 11th October 1792

A Petition of Joseph A praying that he may be allowed a bounty in land in consideration of his services as a Surgeon in the State Hospital during the Late War.

Wednesday, the 21st of November 1792

Mr. Corbin reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had according to order had under their consideration the Petition of Joseph Hay to them referred, and had agreed upon a Report and come to a Resolution thereon which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again twice read and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

It appears to your Committee that at the commencement of the late War with Great Britain, the Petitioner was appointed a Surgeon's Mate in the Hospital of this State; that he continued to act in that character, until the month of July, 1777, when he was appointed Apothecary to the said Hospital.

It further appears to your Committee that the Petitioner continued to act in virtue of his last appointment, until the dissolution of the said Hospital, which took place in the month of December, in the year 1779.

It further appears to your Committee that in the year 1781, the Petitioner received the further appointment of a Surgeon in the Hospital of this State, under Doctor Matthew Pope, the Director general thereof, and acted as such for the term of seven months, when he was discontinued in consequence of the capture of the British troops at York Town.

It further appears to your Committee, that the Petitioner continued in the Service of this State upward of five years.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the said Joseph Hay, praying that in consideration of his said Services, he may be allowed the same bounty in

¹ Va. Half Pay N. A. Acc. No. 874 See 050087 Half Pay Joseph Hay

Lands as has been allowed to other Surgeons serving in the Hospital of this State, during the late War is reasonable.

Ordered, that Mr. Willis Riddick do carry the Resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Saturday, the 24th of November 1792

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Wills, Mr. Speaker, the Senate have agreed to the Resolution, For granting a Bounty in Lands to Joseph Hay."

The above commencing "Thursday 11th October 1792" are extracts from the Journal of the House of Delegates of Virginia for the year 1792"

No. 3

Joseph Hay is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Hospital Surgeon in the line of this State, in the late War, for three years services.

Samuel Coleman

Council Chamber, November 27th, 1792 Henry Lee

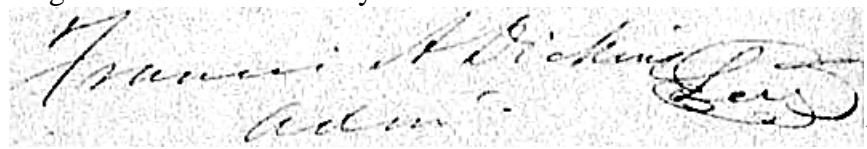
A Warrant No. 4596 for 6000 acres issued to Joseph Hay the 27th November 1792.

The above commencing "Joseph Hay" taken from the Registers Office

Nos. 1, 2 & 3 are true copies and extracts

S/ James E Heath, Auditor of Virginia

[p 7: Power of attorney dated February 19, 1852 filed by Francis A. Dickins as administrator of the estate of Doctor Joseph Hay who was an apothecary in one of the Hospitals of the State of Virginia in the revolutionary war

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis A. Dickins" with a flourish at the end. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 10]

Pension Office February 13, 1845

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Joseph Hay, deceased, who was a Surgeon in the Virginia State Troops, and I find that half pay has been allowed under the act of the 5th of July 1832 entitled "an act to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia" from the 13th of September 1783 to the first of June 1798. The administrator now claims half pay from November 1781 when Surgeon Hay left the service to the 3rd of September 1783, from which time pay has been allowed. The claim should in my opinion be admitted. I therefore certify that there is now due and payable to Francis A. Dickins, administrator of said Joseph Hay, half pay at the rate of \$360 per annum from November 30, 1781 to September 3, 1783.

Commissioner of Pensions

Approved
Secretary of War

Entered this on Book Act of July 5, '32

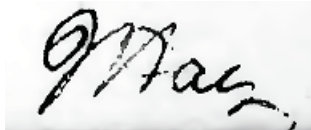
[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)—2-page file, but illegible as posted online

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] James City County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the Speaker & House of Delegates the Petition of Joseph Hay Sheweth

That your petitioner was appointed a Surgeon's Mate in the Virginia State Hospital at the commencement of the War, that he was afterwards appointed apothecary to the said Hospital & continued in that situation till the dissolution of the Hospital, that he was afterwards appointed Surgeon to the said Hospital on its reestablishment under the Direction of Doctor Pope & was made supernumerary in November 1781 after the capture of York. Your Petitioner begs leave to observe that he was in actual service upwards of five years, & that every other surgeon of the said Hospitals has been allowed a Bounty in Lands except himself.

Your Petitioner therefore prays this Honorable House will take his case into their consideration & will allow him the same Bounty in lands that has been allowed to the other Surgeons in the same Hospital & of the same Rank & your Petitioner &c



[Reverse]

Hay's Petition
11th October 1792
To Propositions
16th October 1792
Reasonable
Reported

[From [Virginia Half-Pay record on Fold3.com](#)]
<https://www.fold3.com/image/616518513>

[p 3: Typed Summary]

050087

HAY, JOSEPH

Surgeon in the Virginia State Troops served to April 22, 1783.

He served as Surgeon in the State Hospital in Richmond, seven months in the year 1781, and was discharged in November, 1781.

He was a surgeon's mate in the Williamsburg hospital from the commencement of the war up to the time of his appointment as apothecary July, 1777, and continued until the dissolution of the General Hospital.

He was appointed Surgeon of the State Brig "Jefferson",² by Captain Richard Barron and the cruise was prevented by the vessels [vessel's] having sunk in the ice on the James River January 1, 1780.

Signed by George Chamberlain,
Lieutenant in the Navy and
1st Lieutenant of the said Brig, "Jefferson."

James Kemp certified June 9, 1791 as clerk to the Continental hospital in Virginia that Dr. Joseph Hay acted as surgeon's mate under Dr. John Morrison Galt in the Continental Hospital in Williamsburg under the direction of Dr. William Rickman.

[p 6]
No. 64,490

Treasury Department
Auditor's Office 1st of February 1834

I hereby certify, That I have examined and adjusted an account between the United States and Joseph Hay, a Surgeon in the Virginia Line in the Revolutionary War, and that the sum of \$5308.27 is due from the United States unto William Lambert of Virginia, Attorney of Edward Butts, Administrator of his Estate being the amount of his half pay from the 3rd September 1783 to the 1st June 1798 to be paid in pursuance of the 3rd section of an act of Congress "to provide for liquidating and passing certain claims of the State of Virginia" approved July 5th, 1832, as appears from the statement and vouchers herewith transmitted for the decision of the Comptroller of the treasury thereof

Dollars 5308.27 R. Richardson Auditor
To Joseph Anderson Esquire
Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States

Comptroller's Office,
I admit and certify the above balance, this 3rd day of February 1834
To Thomas L Smith Esquire
Register Jos. Anderson, Comptroller

[p 7]
Virginia

At a District Court held at the Capital in the City of Richmond the 10th of
September 1791
Joseph Hay late a Surgeon to the
State Hospitals Appellant
Against
The Commonwealth

Upon an appeal from a decision of the Auditor of Public Accounts refusing to issue to the appellant a warrant or certificate either for half pay for life, or for 5 years full pay in commutation thereof.

² *Jefferson*. Coggins:102, Paullin:407, 411, Dandridge:186, brig in VA Navy, 14 guns, Capt Richard Barron, 1779, sent to Chesapeake Bay, May 1780. VANavy:154, 174, Davies XX:143, Capt Willis Wilson? sank it near Jamestown in Jan 1781. GMB:35, mentioned as repairable in May 1781 for defense of Hampton, VA. Silverstone:20, VA brig. <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20J-K.html>

This day came as well the appellant by his attorney, as the attorney General for the Commonwealth, who being fully heard, and the appeal aforesaid being seen and inspected, it is the opinion of the Court that the appellant is entitled to 5 years full pay in commutation for half pay during life. Therefore it is ordered that the Auditor of public accounts issued to the appellant a certificate for the said 5 years full pay, bearing an interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the 22nd day of April 1783, the [text abruptly ends]

This is to certify that Mr. Joseph Pay served as Surgeon to the State Hospital at Richmond 7 months, in the year 1781, and was discharged in November the same year
Williamsburg June 6, 1783

Matthew Pope

commencement of the War, until his appointment as apothecary in July 1777

J. M. Galt

Williamsburg June 7th, 1783

This certifies that Mr. Joseph Hay was appointed a mate in Williamsburg hospital at its institution and afterwards apothecary in the General Hospital, in which latter office he continued until ye dissolution of the General Hospital.

Williamsburg June 7th, 83

Jos. McClurg

I do hereby certify that Dr. Joseph Hay was appointed A Surgeon of the State Brig Jefferson by Capt. Richard Barron & that the cruise was prevented by the vessels being sunk by the Ice in James River on the 1st of January in the year 1780: George Chamberlain late Lieutenant in the Navy and 1st Lieutenant of said Brig Jefferson

George Chamberlain

Norfolk June 4, 1791

This is to certify that Dr. Joseph Hay acted as Surgeon's mate under Dr. John Morrison Galt in the Continental Hospital in Virginia under the direction of Dr. William Rickman

James Kemp

then Clerk to the Continental Hospital in Virginia

Richmond June 9th, 1791