

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Hays R4783

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State of Kentucky

Pulaski County Court Sct

On this 17th day of December 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Pulaski County Court now sitting as a Court William Hays between seventy seven and seventy eight years of age a resident of Pulaski County Kentucky 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated,

that while a resident of Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt] County state of Virginia the year not certainly recollected he volunteered for a three months Tour in the company of Captain Joshua Martin in the Regiment [of mounted riflemen] of Colo. Hugh Crockett and was marched to Haw River in North Carolina and was in one engagement during the time, the same being fought across the river with the British [Battle of Wetzel's Mill, 6 Mar 1781]. the Head quarters was established at Troublesome Iron works. he served out the full Tour and arrived at home a very few days after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781]. he received no written discharge. afterwards the month not now known - still a resident of Bottetourt County of Virginia he was drafted for a three months Tour in the Company of Capt Lewis in the Regiment he thinks of Col. [William] Campbell. a Major [Patrick] Lockhart was also an officer. and was marched to JamesTown and was there engaged in a Battle [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] General [Anthony] Wayne Commanded. he served out that Tour and received no written discharge.

afterwards still a resident of Bottetourt he was drafted for a three months Tour in the Company of Capt. Goodson in the Regiment of Col. Campbell was marched to and joined the main army at York Virginia; was engaged in the Seige of York and was at the taking & surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. he does not know how much of that Tour he performed but at least two months. after the Surrender of Cornwallis he was directed to return home. he received no written discharge

he further states that as well as he recollects the Fall after the Battle of Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780] while a resident of Bottetourt he was drafted in the Company of James Barnett Captain to go against the Cherokee Indians was marched on toward the Cherokee Towns and at the Long island on Holstien river [sic: Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN] we understood that the army ahead of us had burned the Towns [Col. Campbell, 27-28 Dec 1780] and we all were discharged & returned home. how long he was engaged exactly he does not know but something like two months. he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service except the Tour which he served under Campbell at the Siege of York and the Tour against the Indians he can prove by Caleb Cooper of this County he believes these those two Tours

He Hereby further states that he is known to Martin Owens a Clergyman & Levi Hubble Jr. in his present neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. he was Born in the State of Virginia. he does not know certainly where or the exact date; he is entirely illiterate and all he knows of his age is from his personal recollection of what his Father told him about his age. about the age of Eleven his Father removed to the County of Bottetourt where this Affiant lived until the county was divided and he continued to live in Bottetourt. the county taken off ~~about Fifty~~ until he was about [edge of page]nty five years of age. he then moved to Washington County Va. & settled on Holstien and lived there until he removed to Pulaski County Kentucky about eighteen years since where he has continued to reside ever since. he has no Documentary evidence of his service He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the agency of any state or Territory

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid William hisXmark Hays
And this day personally appeared in Open Court before the Court aforesaid Caleb Cooper a
resident of Pulaski County aged Senty [sic: seventy] one years the 6th of January 1832. who being
first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath state that he does of his own personal
knowledge know that William Hays was engaged in the service of the United States as a soldier
as he states in the Company of Capt. Goodson under the command of William Campbell, was
marched to & joined the main army at York Virginia in the year 1781. was engaged at the Siege
of York. and was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis does not know how long he served but thinks
he served the length of time stated by the s'd Hays in the foregoing Declaration.
the said affiant Caleb Cooper further states that he does know that the said William Hays was
drafted in a Company of Capt. Barnett to serve against the Cherokee Indians as he states in his
Declaration, and served as he states. and he further states that he believes the said William Hays
is of the age he states & entitled to Credit & belief
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Caleb hisXmark Cooper [pension application S30959]

NOTE: On 15 Jan 1844 William Hays, 50, applied for a pension as heir and administrator of his
mother, Elizabeth, who married William Hays on 21 Aug 1785 in "the county of Franklin State of
Virginia," (formed from Bedford and Henry counties in 1786). He stated that his father died 13
Aug 1838, and his mother died 18 Feb 1843. His application listed the other surviving children
as follows: Lovina Meniffee, wife of William Meniffee; Elizabeth Yanders, wife of Chryslin Yonders;
Margaret Hardin, wife of Mathew Hardin; Isaac Hays; and Rachel Ruork, wife of Thomas Rourk. A
deposition on 23 Mar 1855 by James Gastineau, 38, listed the surviving children as Levina
Menifree, Elizabeth Yonders, Margaret Harden, Rachal Ruarck, and William Hays. The file
includes a copy of the marriage return as follows: "A List of MARRIGES solemnized by Jesse
Rentfro Henry County one thousand seven hundred and eighty three. William Hays & Elizabeth
Lemons."