

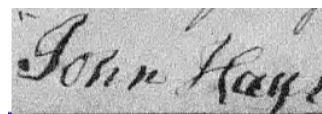
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Hays S16408

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State of Georgia } On this ninth day of April in the year Eighteen and thirty three personally
DeKalb County } appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of the said County of DeKalb
now sitting John Hays a resident of said State and County aged Eighty one years
& five months born 1st dy of Nov 1751 who being 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 the seventh in
the year Eighteen hundred and thirty two. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer
in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six under the following named officers and served as herein
stated – he volunteered under Capt John Barber an officer of the militia he was then a resident of the
State of North carolina Rutherford County the name of the county at that time not recollected [formed
from Tryon in 1779] and marched from there to the [now] State of Tennessee to subdue the Indians he
states he was in no battle at that time but in a small skirmish he states he served at that time four or five
months and thence returned home to his residence in North carolina he states in the year seventeen
hundred & seventy seven he went to the State of Virginia Bedford County, he states he there volunteered
under Capt James Dickson an officer of the Militia for a six months tour and marched from thence to
Holstine Islands [sic: Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN] and from thence to the Rye
cove on Clynch river then in the state of North Carolina [sic: Rye Cove on Clinch River in Virginia] and
marched from there to the Holstine Island again during that time there was no battle nor skirmish. he
further states in the same year he volunteered under Capt John Talbot an officer of the Militia for about
six weeks and marched from Bedford County in Virginia to Williamsburg & from thence to York of the
same state he states he then was marched back to Bedford County in Virginia but was in no battle he
states he was then dismissed by Capt Talbot and returned home to his residence in the state of North
carolina. he then went to Washington County in the state of North carolina [the former District of
Washington in present NE TN] and volunteered under Capt John Trimble an officer of the horse troop to
guard the frontier. he states he volunteered for a three months Touer and after his time expired he states
he received a verbal dissmision from the Capt and ordered to hold himself in readiness. he states he was
called out in several scouts by Capt William Dougherty [George Doherty] an officer of the Militia. he
states he was in service scouting about a month during which time he was in several skirmishes with the
Indians. he states that he was in no general engagement. he further states as well as he recollects he
served fourteen months. he further states that he has no documentary evidence of his discharge he states
he was taken prisoner of war in 1778 as appears from a certificate of a British officer & that he knows of
no person by whom he can prove his service he has a record of his age He hereby relinquishes every
claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the
pension roll of the agency of any State



This is to Certify that Thomas Hays and John Hays is prisners of war to his Magestys trups given under
my hand this 16th Day of Sept. 1780
[signed illegibly] Capt./ Q's [Queen's] Rangers

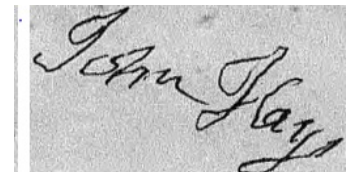


Bedford County to Wit

I DO hereby certify, that John Hays hath taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance and fidelity, as directed by an act of General Assembly intituled An act to oblige the free male inhabitants of this state above a certain age to give assurance of allegiance to the same, and for other purposes. Witness my hand and seal, this ninth day of August 1777 [signed] John Ward

State of Georgia } On this ninth day of July in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty three
DeKalb County } personally appeared in open Court before the Inferiour of said County of DeKalb now sitting John Hays a resident of said State & County aged Eighty one years born on the first day of November 1751 who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to the one made in April last in order to obtain the benefits of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832

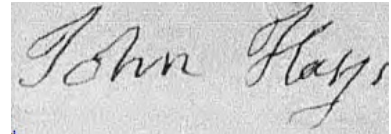
That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 as a volunteer & as a private under Capt John Barber an officer of the militia he was then a resident of what is now Rutherford County North Carolina the name of the County at that time not recollected and marched from thence to the State of Tennessee for the purpose of subduing the Indians which were at that time very troublesome. he states he was in no general engagement at that time but in a small skirmish during that march to Tennessee he states he served four or five months. he states he then returned home to his residence in North Carolina. he states in the year 1777 in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia he again entered the service as a volunteer in the company of Capt Jas. Dickson a militia officer & served a tour of six months. The Declarant further states that in the same year 1777 he entered the service again as a volunteer & private in the company of Capt. Talbot does not recollect the precis length of this term of service but is certain it was at least five weeks & he believe longer. He further states that in the year 1778 he again entered the sevice in Washington County N. Carolina as a volunteer in the company of Capt. John Trimble who command a horse troop or company of Cavalry – he seved in this company three months, & when dismissed was ordered to hold himself in readiness for any emergency, and was called out on frequent scouting expeditions afterwards against the Indians, he states that he served a month at least in these scouting parties and that he was engaged in no civil avocation or pursuit during this time. This Declarant further states that from the length of time & consequent loss of memory he can not say with precision the length of time which he served in each campaign or tour but is certain that he served fourteen months at the least. He has no documentary evidence of his service except the certificate of a British officer shewing that he had been taken prisoner & certificate that he had taken the oath of allegiance in the state of Virginia, he has a record of his age in a bible, was born in Bedford County Virginia, was living in Rutherford County N. Carolina when first called to service He lived a while in Virginia after the Revolutionary war & from thence removed to S. Carolina & resided there until six years since when he settled in DeKalb County state aforesaid where he now resides. He never received any written discharge. He states that he is known to James Lemon Naman Hardman Robert Lemon William Hardman Jephthah V. George & Tully Choice in his neighbourhood all of whom can testify to his character for veracity & of their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution
He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity but the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Hays", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Georgia } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for
DeKalb County } said county John Hays who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason
of old age and the consequent loss of memory he can not 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 four months in the year 1776 I served as a volunteer and private in the army of the United States
For seven months & five days in the year 1777 I served as a volunteer & private in the army of the United
States one of the Tours which I served in said year being for six months, and the other for five weeks or
one month and five days. For three months in the year 1778 I served as a volunteer and private in a
company of cavalry in the army of the United States, and for such service I claim a pension. This
deponent further saith that during the aforesaid periods he served with embodied corps called into service
by competent authority and that he was in the field – and was not during any of said periods engaged in
any civil pursuit.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 2nd day of November 1833

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hays".