

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hayns S1954

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State of Tennessee Maury County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

Be it remembered that on the 11th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 Joseph Hayns a citizen of Maury County Tennessee personally appeared before the justices of the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid now sitting in Columbia, aged about eighty years & eight months 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 7th of June 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated – I went out under General Rutherford (the rest of the officers not recollected) Dixon was the name of my Captain, & a man by the name of Canghorn [sic ?] my Ensign. I entered the service as well as I believe in the fall of the year 1775 & served three months – I do not know whether I was drafted or not, but the companies rendezvoused and the company I was attached to was called into service at the time I entered the service as aforesaid, I lived in Rowan County State of North Carolina, during the tour we were marched to Salisbury, thence towards Hillsboro for some distance, when we changed our direction & went to what was then called Cross Creek, & now Fayetteville – I went again into the service I think in the year 1777 or 1778 under the same officers as above stated, except the Ensign & I do not recollect his name, – I served three months again & not place of residence the same as above stated, I cannot recollect whether I was drafted this time, or whether I volunteered, we marched into Mecklenburg County, then on a [indecipherable word] East towards the Waxhaw settlement, and thence home – I again went into service under the same General & Captain (the other officers names not recollected), my place of residence the same as above stated, we met at Fifers [Pfifer's] (the time & year not recollected), after this & before time of service expired, Captain Falls came into our company to enlist volunteers, I volunteered & went home for a horse, & joined Captain Falls, & was during this campaign engaged in the battle at Ramsour's [Ramsour's Mill], where Falls our Captain was killed, after the expiration of the 3 months we all returned home as the time of service had expired –

I again volunteered & served three months as a horseman under Captain Dixon & Colonel Davis [this may be a mistaken reference to William Richardson Davie] (I do not recollect the names of the other officers) my residence the same as above stated, we met at Rocky River, (the time & year not recollected), and continued about Charlotte until the British came there with whom we had a small rencounter though not the battle, they then left that section of country, & went into the State of South Carolina, where we followed them, and we remained in that State & ranged about until our term of service expired – I again volunteered for 3 months, though I am of the impression we did not serve all the time, get it was considered so or County to us as a full Term of service, I went out under Captain Dickey & General Davidson (the rest of the officers not recollected) this was in the last of the year 1780 or first of the year 1781, my residence was the same as above stated, & we met at Beatis Ford [Beatties Ford] in Roan [Rowan] County North Carolina & Davis was ordered to go immediately on to Cowans Ford, where we had several skirmishes with the British, during which General Davidson & three other men were killed, the British went on towards Hillsboro & we followed on after them as far as the Adkin [Yadkin River] where we ranged about there for some short time & then returned home – I again volunteered & served for the term of 6 months under Captain Huggins & General Rutherford (the year not recollected) my residence the same as above stated, we were principally employed in reconnoitering in our own section of country sometime permitted to go home & remained there for a few days on furlough, & we then returned into service where we remained until our time of service expired – I removed to the State of Tennessee sometime in the year 1805 or 1806 where I have remained ever since –

I have no documentary evidence nor know of any person by whom I can prove my service as a soldier – aforesaid except what is hereunto attached¹ – I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present pension & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state – sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Attest: S/ Thos. J. Porter, Clerk

S/ Joseph Hayns, X his mark

The James L Baldrige & Andrew Smith, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ There were no documents attached in this file.