

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hays S38797

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State of Tennessee Knox County

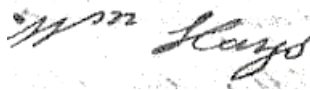
On this 19th day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts for & in said State personally appeared William Hays aged Sixty years resident in the County of Jefferson in said State who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" – That he the said William Hays enlisted in the year 1778 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Cunningham of the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker – that he continued to serve in the said Corps or service of the United States until the expiration of twelve months the time for which he entered said service and was discharged at Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey or New York in the year 1779, that he was in no battle while in the regular service – But was afterwards in the battle of Gilford [Guilford County Court House, March 15, 1781] and at the siege of York as a militia man – that he has lost his discharge – that he never has been a pensioner that he does hereby relinquish all claim whatever to pension heretofore provided for except by the late act of Congress under which he applies.

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn & declared before me

S/ Edw. Scott, Judge

S/ Wm Hays



State of Tennessee Jefferson County

At a Circuit Court of law opened and held for the said County of Jefferson at the Court house in Dandridge on the third Monday in July (being the 20th 1820 before the Honorable Samuel Powell Esquire Judge of said Court personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of record (having the power of fine and imprisonment and also having been made a court of record by the laws of said State) for the said County William Hays aged sixty-three years 4th day of March last, resident in the County of Jefferson aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: He enlisted in Bedford County State of Virginia under Captain James Dickson first Virginia Regiment, Continental line, commanded by Colonel Richard Parker, General Mhulenburg's [Peter

Muhlenberg] brigade and marched under Captain Dickson to the Western Country, against the Cherokee Indians, where he served nine months and eleven days – he afterwards enlisted under Captain William Cunningham, and marched to the northward, and served twelve months, afterwards he served a number of Towers [tours] in the militia and was discharged as stated in his former declaration to which he refers. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

One cow worth \$10	\$10.00
Nine head of hogs worth	16.50
2 Par [pair] shear ploughs worth	7.00
1 Hoe	.75
Some books worth	40.00
1 Mattock	1.25
2 axes worth	2.75
1 Iron Wedge worth	1.00
1 shot gun worth	5.00
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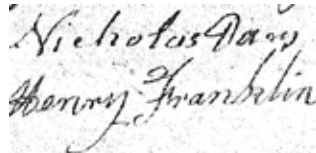
S/ William Hays

The declarant further states that he is by occupation a farmer, and illy able to pursue it, being decripped [sic] in the right arm and left shoulder. He has a wife Nancy fifty-seven years of age and is infirm One daughter Mary about twenty-four years of age enjoys tolerable health

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State of Tennessee Jefferson County

On this 15th day of December 1818 personally appears before me James Doherty one of the Justices and Judges of the County Court of said County and Court of Quorum Nicholas Davis¹ & Henry Franklin² and made oath in due form of law that they were both regular soldiers in the service of the United States in the year 1778 & 1779 that the said Davis was the messmate of the within named William Hays, that the said William was for one year a regular Soldier in the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker in Captain Cunningham's company and that said William Hays is in indigent circumstances & needs the assistance of his country for support they verily believe.



¹ [Nicholas Davis W30](#)

² [Henry Franklin S38713](#)

State of Tennessee Jefferson County

This day personally appeared before me James Doherty one of the Judges & Justices of the Court – Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Jefferson aforesaid Nicholas Davis a resident of the County aforesaid who maketh oath in due form (in addition to his former Certificate) that the first Virginia Regiment was commanded by Colonel Richard Parker in the year 1778 & 1779 and the said William Hays was a Regular soldier for one year during that time and at Middlebrook he was honorably discharged and afterwards the said Colonel Richard Parker was ordered to go to the South & take command of the eighteen months men that was to march from the State of Virginia to the southward & in Charleston in an engagement he was killed and further this Deponent states that he is well acquainted with William Hays mentioned in the foregoing Certificates and do certify that he is in Indigent circumstances & needs the assistance of his Country.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 27 October A.D. 1819

S/ Jas Doherty

S/ Nicholas Davis

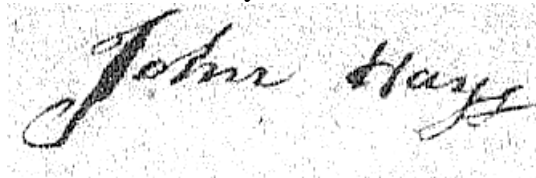
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State of Tennessee Jefferson County

This day personally appeared before me James Doherty one of the Judges and Justices of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Jefferson aforesaid John Hays a resident of the County of Jefferson and made oath in due form that William Hays who is mentioned in the foregoing affidavit, volunteered in the regular troops in the Revolutionary War for one year, and that he served his Country for that space of time, and that Colonel Richard Parker commanded the first Virginia line in the year 1776 & 1777 and that the said William Hays is in indigent circumstances & needs the assistance of his Country.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 27 October 1819

S/ John Hays

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hays". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged or textured.

[p 17: Doctor Richard Moore, a resident of Jefferson County Tennessee, gave testimony on October 27, 1819 that he has examined the veteran "and find his right forearm has been badly fractured, The wrist of the same dislocated, the bones have never been replaced, which renders this arm nearly useless. His left shoulder has been dislocated and never replaced, this injures the left arm considerably – And those injuries produce such a degree of debility as to render him unable to obtain a living by manual labor"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 19, 1818, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental service.]