

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mayes S41799

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Superior Court of Law April Term 1832

On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1832 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid William Mayes resident in said County aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 & 1<sup>st</sup> March [sic, May] 1820. That the said William Mayes enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the \_\_\_ day of September in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Stevenson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Davidson in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until in the year 1779 after serving his time when he was discharged from the service in Dinwiddie County in the State of Virginia that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia and that the following all the reasons for not making application for a pension that he had lost his discharged & believed that he would not obtain a pension without proving his service by living witnesses & having moved away from the place where he then resided does not know if any of his acquaintances of that day are living and in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1720, has solemnly sworn that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property that at that time he had no title to property & has been supported ever since by his own industry & the bounty of one of his sons and the said William Mayes further swears that since the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 he has had no property except necessaries of life subsistence which he procured by his own industry and the bounty of a son that his occupation is that of a farmer was once a carpenter but from his advanced age is unable to follow it that his family consist of a wife aged sixty-five years & three daughters Susanna aged twenty-six, Nancy aged about twenty-four & Martha aged about twenty years. That he lives upon a tract of land belonging to his son Thomas & supports his family from the farm & assistance of his children above named. Thomas only permits him to live on his land without any claim of applicant to it.

S/ William Mayes

Francis Harwell swears that he was well acquainted with William Mayes when a young man that

he has no knowledge of his enlistment or of his service but W. Mayes the petitioner was absent from home a considerable time and it was generally understood & believed that said Mayes was in the regular service & served his term out in the Revolutionary War.

S/ Francis Harwell

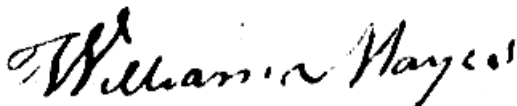
State of North Carolina Lincoln

This day came William Mayes before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for said County and made oath in due form of law, That the name of the Colonel under whom he served in the Revolutionary War was Davis as commonly called; that to the best of his recollection, when his original affidavit was drawn for a pension he told his friend, who drew it for him that was the name, and supposes he made the mistake in calling it Davidson; it is however possible that affiant may have made the mistake & pronounced the name Davidson. He is certain his name was Davis.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1832.

S/ Jos. Shuford, JP

S/ William Mayes



[Thomas L Mayes gave a supporting affidavit as to the mistake made by William Mayes in identifying the Colonel under whom he served. The relationship, if any, of Thomas L Mayes to the applicant is not stated.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1832, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]