

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Sway (alias George Haley) S42439

f33VA

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State of Georgia Jackson County

On the 1st day of July in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County aforesaid (now in Session) it being a court of record, George Sway a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged between seventy-five & eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th in the year 1832 viz.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States during the war in the year 1781 as well as he recollects it being the 2nd or 3rd day after the battle at Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] between General Green [Nathanael Greene] Commander of the American Army & Lord Cornwallis commander of the British troops, as a private Soldier with Colonel William Washington commanded by General Green & served in the third Regiment (he thinks) of light Dragoons & continued to serve under him Colonel Washington until he was taken prisoner by the British at the Utaw Spring [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], the other officers was Maj. Call [Richard Call], Capt. Jones & Lieutenant Linton [John Linton]. After Colonel Washington was taken prisoner as above stated he was put under the Command of Colonel Bailey [sic George Baylor] of the Virginia line & continued to serve under him until peace was proclaimed, that he was at Charleston South Carolina when the British vacated that place, from thence he went around to Richmond in Virginia by water & was there discharged, & that he gave his discharge to one Daniel Johnston to keep for him, That they got separated, & by that means lost his discharge. Deponent further states that the term of his service as near as he can recollect was about two years & nine months, but from the long lapse of time & the failure of her recollection by age & infirmity, he cannot say the precise time.

Deponent further saith that he was in several little skirmishes & engagements, but was not in any general engagement. Deponent further states that he was an orphan boy, & lived with one John Stockton of Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia, that he ran away from Stockton, & to prevent him from finding him out he assumed the name of George Haley & continued to pass by that name until he was discharged & returned home, when he resumed his right name to wit George Sway. Deponent says he has been informed by General Daniel Newnan that his name appears on the records in the war office, that is the name of George Haley by which he passed when he enlisted & during the time he continued in the Army.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 1st day of July 1833

S/ Edward Adams, JIC

S/ George Sway, X his mark

[John W Glenn, a clergyman, and Jacob Braselton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Jackson County: Personally came before me William Bell a Justice of the Peace for said County Nathan Dobb<sup>1</sup> of the County of Gwinnett and State aforesaid who being duly sworn as the law direction deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with George Sway in the Revolutionary Army (at that time called George Haley which name it was at that time and since the war, understood that he assumed in order to elude the pursuit of his reputed master, as he was and illegitimate child and was said to be bound to a master) that Deponent and said George Sway (otherwise George Haley) served together under General Green that they served together occasionally from the time of his enlisting directly after the Battle of Guilford North Carolina for and during the war under Colonel William Washington and other officers for nearly the space of three years (say two years and eight or nine months).

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of June 1833

S/ William Bell, JP

S/ Nathen Dobb, X his mark

[f p. 31: On March 12, 1831, the veteran gave an affidavit in which she states that he enlisted under the name of George Haley because he had run away from his master to whom he was apprenticed; that he chose the name George Haley because his mother's name was Sway and his reputed father was named Haley; that he was discharged under the name George Haley.]

[f p. 13: On July 22, 1851 in Jackson County Georgia, Margaret Roberts made declaration that she is the daughter of George Sway deceased and his directly interested in any increase or arrearages due her father. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Cavalry for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, [Nathan Dobbs S16370](#)