

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Hays S6949

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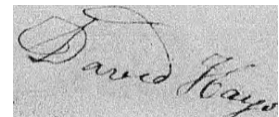
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State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions  
Burke County } January Sessions 1833.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of Burke now sitting David Hays resident of the County of Burke and State of North Carolina aged 73 years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following statement & declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the month of July 1777 he entered the Service of the United States under Captain John Brandon of the Rowan [North Carolina] Militia Commanded by Francis Locke Col. under General [Griffith] Rutherford and marched over to the Cherokee nation and was in that service over 3 months this was a tour of 3 months & returned with General Rutherford to Rowan & was regularly discharged. the next Term of Service was for 3 months as a malitia man under Captain James Huggins to reinforce General [Horatio] Gates in the month of August in the year 1780 just before his defeat near Cambden [sic: Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. that the day before Gates was defeated he was sent off in a detachment against some British under one Colonel Isaack's [sic: Elijah Isaacs] & by that means mist being in the battle. – that he served the tour out and was regularly discharged by his captain James Huggins. the next was a tour of 2 months as a light horseman finding his own horse & accoutrements under Captain Brandon of Rowan Malitia this was in the fall of 1780 whilst Lord Cornwallis Rodney [probably referring to Lord Francis Rawdon. who was not there] was in Charlotte Mecklenburgh [sic: Mecklenburg County] N.C. he served the said 2 months out & was again regularly discharged. His last regular term of service was for 3 months under Captain James Cathey Commanded by General Rutherford where he drove the British from Wilmington N.C. in the year 1781 [on 18 Nov]. after which his 3 months having expired he was regularly discharged by his Capt General Gates commanded in chief [at the Battle of Camden] General Decalb [sic: Baron De Kalb] was under him General Smallwood of the Merland Line [William Smallwood of the Maryland Line] also. Decalb was killed – after Gates Defeat we retreated & joined General Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] in South carolina and also after the retreat of Lord ~~Rawdon~~ Rodney [possibly referring to Lord Rawdon's retreat from Camden on 9 May 1781]. Colonel [William] Washington joined them with his troops: He as in the Life Guard of Rutherford in the Wilmington Campaigne when the British were driven off. That he has no doclumentary evidence of his services except the affedavit of Joseph Hays marked (A) hereunto annexed. In answer to the questions propounded by the court as required by the war Department I first say I was born in Rowan County NC on the Last day of September 1760 there was a record of my age in an old bible of my fathers now belonging to Joseph Hays or at his home. I lived in Rowan when called into service & lived there untill about 1807 when I moved to Burke N Carolina where I now live. I was classed & the class was called on the first time. I was always a volunteer after that, as to the regular officers & the forces I served with I have stated them above as well as I can recollect for my memory fails me much. I rec'd discharges every time I served but have lost them all. I think my discharge was always signed by the captain of the company I served in as it was generally given me by the captains I cannot state the names of Persons in my neighborhood who can be got here at this time to certify for me for I have traveled about & cannot find one but must try & send someone up to court If I cannot get here myself  
Sworn to in open Court & subscribed



NOTE: A Treasury-Department document dated 8 Feb 1844 states that the children of David Hays, deceased, received his final pension payment for the period 4 March to 4 Sept 1842.