

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hay S8670

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State of North Carolina Sampson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1833

On this the 20th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices now holding the Court aforesaid viz. William McKay, Jesse Oates, & Whitney Royal Esquires, William Hay a resident of Sampson County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

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

1st In the summer of 1780, he served ten days in a company of New Hanover militia as a private under Captain Henry Waters, Samuel Ashe Lieutenant, the other officers he forgets; that when he entered the service he resided in New Hanover County North Carolina, that in this service he was a substitute for James Stanley; that he joined his company at Rutherford's Mills on Holly Shelter, where Rutherford's Army was then stationed, that he was in no battle and made no marches; that he served with Continental troops under General Rutherford; the regular officers he knew were Captain Joseph Rhodes, Curtis Ivey, Robert Raiford, Colonel Archibald Lytle, General Green [Nathanael Greene], Lieutenant Campaine [probably James Campen], Captain Evans, William Bush, which are all he now recollects, that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service –

2ndly In a company of New Hanover militia under the command of Captain James Devane, William Sloan he thinks was Lieutenant and William Wright Ensign, his other officers he forgets in the first of the year 1781 and served 4 months as a private, that he was a volunteer; that he was in no battle; that he was stationed at Halfway Bluff on Long Creek to guard Negro Head Point road; that he has no documentary evidence, but has produced the testimony of Captain William Devane whose affidavit is hereunto affixed, to prove this service.

3rdly He enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1782 with either Captain Joseph Rhodes or Captain Robert Raiford and served in unknown Regiment of the North Carolina line under the following named officers, viz. General Green, Colonel Archibald Lytle, Robert Raiford Major a while, Captain Joseph Rhodes, Samuel Ashe Lieutenant or Ensign, his other officers he forgets, that while in this service he was transferred to another set of officers, whose names as far as he recollects them are the following viz. Captain invincible Captain William Bush – ___ Campaine Lieutenant or Ensign, William Hadley Captain also a while, Curtis Ivey Adjutant, that he enlisted for eighteen months, that he left this service in August 1783 sometime after peace was concluded, having served thirteen months; that he was in no battle; that he joined his company at the residence of Major James Thomson's near Duplin old Court House and marched over Rockfish bridge by South Washington to Wilmington, thence to the Brick house in Brunswick County, thence across Pedee [River] at Strawberry ferry, through Georgetown, across Santee to Ashley Hill, where the Army took up Head Quarters & where he joined General Green's Army, thence to James Island, thence to Hadleys Point [Haddrell's Point], thence for Wilmington & on his march thither was furloughed.

Answers of William Hay the aforesaid applicant to the questions propounded to him by the court aforesaid as prescribed by the War Department.

1st I was born on Black River in New Hanover County in the year as well as I can ascertain 1762.

2nd. I have no record of my age.

3rd. When called into service I was living in New Hanover County North Carolina. Since the Revolutionary War I have lived in the lower part of Sampson County North Carolina on Black River & I now live there.

4. In as first a substitute, then a volunteer & lastly enlisted.

5. I beg leave to refer to my declaration

6. I never received any written discharge. I received a furlough when in the Continental service. This

7. James Robinson, Ephraim Johnson, George Robinson, Amos Johnson, Patrick Murphy & others I could name.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

Test

S/ Thomas B. Faison, Clk

S/ William Hay, X his mark

[Ephraim Johnson and Patrick Murphy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that William Hay a private in Captain Hadley's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted the first of August 1782 for the term of 18 months, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 15th day of June 1832

S/ Wm Hill

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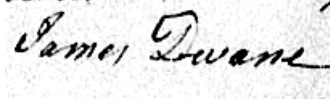
State of North Carolina New Hanover County: On this the 23rd day of April A.D. 1833 before

me Charles Henry an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared James Devane a resident of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-five years the first of August 1832, to me well known and entitled to full faith and credit, who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he knew William Hay a resident of Sampson County North Carolina aged about seventy years during the Revolutionary War, that said William Hay who is now an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of June 7th 1832 was to the knowledge of this deponent a soldier in that war and served under this deponent who was Captain, at least four months, that no battle occurred during that period, that said Hay was a volunteer the whole force of the New Hanover County being ordered out at that time, which was in the year 1781 about the commencement of that year; as the enemy at that time had possession of Wilmington; that said Hay entered service under the deponent at the Big Bridge in New Hanover County and marched from thence to the Half way Bluff on Long Creek to guard Negro Head Point road and continued there till the four months were expired.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year first above written.

S/ Charles Henry, JP

S/James Devane

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Devane". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$54.43 (increased from \$44.43) per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 16 months and 10 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]