

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Hays W1272 Mary Hays VA
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State of Tennessee }
 Jefferson County } SS County Court September Sessions 1826.

On this 13th day of September 1826 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 County of Jefferson aforesaid, John Hays resident in said County, aged seventy years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his Oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818. and 1st May 1820. that he the said John Hays served in the Revolutionary war as follows that he enlisted for the term of one year, about the last of September or first of October 1775 in Bedford County State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain William Campbell in the 1st Regiment commanded by Col. Patrick Henry in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Continental establishment, that he marched under the command of Col. Henry to the Town of Hampton in said State, where he was in an engagement with the enemy known by the name of the battle of the great bridge [9 Dec 1775] that he marched from thence to Norfolk, and was there at the time it was burned by the enemy [1 Jan 1776]. that he marched from Norfolk to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], where Col Richard Parker took command of said Regiment, in the place of Col. Henry, that he then marched under the command of Col. Parker against the enemy to Gwins Island [sic: Gwynn Island, 8 - 10 Jul 1776] and drove them from that place, that he continued to serve in the said corps untill about the first of October 1776. when he was discharged from the said service in the Town of Williamsburgh in the State of Virginia, by Captain William Campbell which discharge he has lost, and is now unable to produce.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st may 1820. 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 other manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provissions 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 (since that time) 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:

Schedule	
2 horses worth \$30.	\$30.00 3 hoes. \$1.50
7 Head of Cattle.	30.00 2 Axes. 2.75
10 Head of Hogs.	10.00 1 Iron wedge. 0.50
2 Potts.	2.00 1 Cupboard. 8.00
1 Kettle.	3.00 1 Desk & book Case. 12.00
2 Ovens.	2.50 Some books worth. <u>20.00</u>
1 Barshear plough.	1.50 44.75
1 Shovel plough.	1.50
2 Mattocks.	<u>2.00</u>
	82.50 <u>82.50</u>
	\$127.25

John Hays.

The declarant further states that he is by Occupation a farmer and unable to pursue this being crippled in the right hand and that his health is bad. He has a wife Polly aged 56 years who has bad health, One son named Cyrus about 18 years of age, who is weakly and infirm and unable to contribute to his support. he has three daughters Ailey aged 16 years, now enjoys tolerable good health. Jane aged 14 years sickly &

infirm Margaret aged about 12 years who has tolerable health. This declarant further states that he served the United States faithfully as a common soldier in the manner before stated, that the money which he received for his pay depreciated on his hands so that he never realized any thing for his services, that after the term of his enlistment and he was discharged, he served several campaigns in the service of the United States in the character of a volunteer, that he is now aged and infirm and in such indigent circumstances as to be compelled in order to obtain a support to apply for the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of congress before mentioned for the benefit of Revolutionary soldiers, that he has heretofore applied to be placed on the Pension list, but is informed that his papers were lost or mislaid

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NOTE: On 19 March 1853 Mary Hays [as she signed], 81, applied for a pension stating that she married John Hays in October 1805, and he died 5 May 1833. The file includes a copy of a bond signed 22 Oct 1805 by John Hays and James Shadden for the marriage of Hays to Polly Shadden. On an application for bounty land dated 17 April 1855 Polly Hays was said to be 83 and her maiden name was given as Polly Sheddon. This application was certified by A. M. Sheddon.