

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Hayes (Hays) W14 Mary Hayes f39VA
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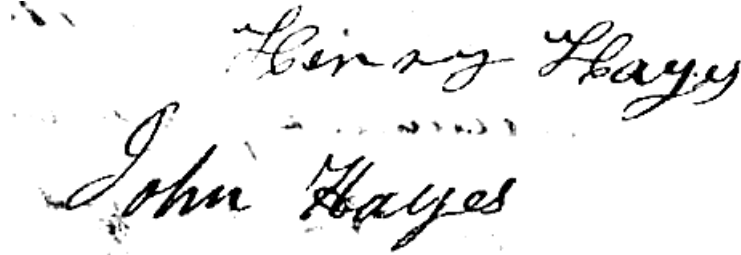
State of Tennessee Cannon County: To wit

On this 20th day of September in the year of our Lord 1843 before the Circuit Court of Cannon County at the courthouse in Woodbury, the Honorable Samuel Anderson one of the Judges in and for the State of Tennessee presiding personally appeared Mary Hays or Hayes aged seventy-four years who after being first duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of July 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," that she is the widow of Henry Hays or Hayes who was a soldier (as she thinks a private) in the Army of the revolution. She has but little formal knowledge of his services except that she what she has heard him say; she believes he belonged to the regular troops, & refers to the Army rolls [several words written over and illegible] facts, he was reputed to have served five years in the regular Army viz., three years as an enlisted soldier and two years as a substitute. His Colonel was Richard Taylor – this declarant refers to the testimony of others as far as the same may be produced. She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Hayes on the __ day of October in the year 1783; that her husband the said Henry Hays departed this life on the 14th day of March in the year 1815. She further states that she was not married to the said Henry Hays previous to the last period of his service, but the marriage took place prior to the first day of January 1794, that is, at the time above stated. This declarant further states that she has no education, nor had her late husband Henry Hays. She has no record evidence of her marriage, nor does she know of any person by whom she can prove it, except circumstantially. She has in her possession a prayer Book in the blank pages of which are written the birth of her children which will be proven and certified; it is by reference to the age of Peyton Hays her oldest son that she ascertains the year of her marriage with the said Henry Hays. It is by reference to the peace which closed the late war with Great Britain that she remembers the time of his death. She has not intermarried since the death of said Benjamin Hays [sic] and still continues his widow. She further states that the prayer Book above referred to has been in her family for fifty or sixty years, she cannot remember when the birth of her first child was written down but thinks it was shortly after his birth, viz., in 1784.

S/ Mary Hays, X her mark

[p 7: On September 23, 1843 in Cannon County Tennessee, Henry Hayes, 43, gave testimony that he is a son of Henry and Mary Hayes; that the with then record shows the ages of the children of his parents commencing with Peyton Hays the oldest child who appears from that

record to have been born June 4th, 1784; that said record was taken from an old prayer book in the family that has been in the possession of his mother since the death of his father; that his father departed this life March 14th, 1815 in gravel County North Carolina where he then resided; that his father a few weeks before his death had been to Norfolk to take some clothes to his sons James & Thomas Hayes who were in the service under Captains John Inge & Bratcher; that his father took sick on the road which sickness occasioned his death; that affiant saw his father die; that the affiant's mother, the widow, afterwards moved to Tennessee and now resides in Cannon County; and in the same document John Hays, 35, gave testimony that his brother Henry Hayes' statements relating to the family record are true.



Henry Hayes
John Hayes

[pp 12-14: the pages are in reverse order of dates of births but our transcribed below chronologically:

Peyton Hayes was born in the year 1784 June the 4th Day

James Hayes was born November the 12th Day 1786

Betsy Hayes [sic, probably Betsy Hayes] was born November 29th Day 1788

Thomas Hayes was born May the 20th Day 1792

Sally Hayes was born September the 17th Day 1795

Hardy Hayes was born November 20th, 1796

Nancy Hayes was born February the 3rd Day 1799

Henry Hayes was born October the 12th day 1800

Mary Hayes was born December 9th Day 1802

John Hays was born February the 1st Day 1805

Fanny Hayes was Born March the 21st day about 4 o'clock in the Evening 1808 wrote by Peyton Hayes

Peyton Hayes was married to Salley Richerson April the 15th day 1811

Elizabeth F R Hayes the daughter of Peyton Hayes & Salley P. Hayes was Born September the 14th Day 1814

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State of Tennessee Cannon County:

Before me John D McBroom a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Cannon aforesaid this day personally appeared James Taylor Esquire who being first duly sworn deposed and saith that he was born on the 2nd May 1774 and was too young to know anything of the Revolution of his own knowledge. He had three brothers who were old enough & who he understood & believes were in the Continental Army viz., Edmund Taylor a private, John Taylor a Captain & Richard Taylor a Colonel. Part of the time of the war deponent's father resided in Mecklenburg County Virginia in part in the adjoining County of Granville North Carolina. Colonel Richard Taylor went from Virginia into the service. The Hays lived some 20 or 25 miles from deponent, though in the County of Granville. This deponent was not personally acquainted with Henry Hayes; he resides now in 2 or 3 miles of old lady Hayes who bears a good character, & he can say the same of her sons two of whom are now living near her: Deponent's brother, Colonel Richard Taylor died in Granville County North Carolina as deponent has been informed some 7 or 8 years ago. Deponent further states that the account dated 17 May 1785 and hereto annexed, he believes to be in the hand writing of his (deponent's) father – who had a store about that time on Tar River in Granville County. This deponent knew T. Higgs whose name is signed

in the Squirrel scalp receipt of 24 November 1785. He also knew Solomon Walker whose name is signed to the tax receipt for 1785. Deponent was not personally acquainted with William Christmas who appears to have purchased a land claim from Henry Hays – but was well acquainted with the name in Granville County, North Carolina. And further this deponent saith not.

S/ James Taylor

Receipt of Henry Hays
Squirrel scalps & Destroyed
them - pr
24 Nov 1785 L. Higgin

Receipt of Henry Hays
his public County & parrish
taxes for the year 85 sol. Walker

[p 28: On December 14, 1844 in Granville County North Carolina, Samuel Hays, 76, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Henry Hayes who lived and died in Granville County; affiant was 12 or 13 years old at the close of the Revolutionary war and always understood that Henry Hayes has served as a soldier during a large portion of the revolutionary war and has no doubt that was true; that affiant knew Henry Hayes both before and after his marriage which took place after the close of the revolution; that the name of Henry Hayes' wife was Mary or Polly Payton; they always lived together as man and wife and their marriage was never doubted. The relationship, if any of the affiant to the veteran is not stated.

Samuel Hays]

[p 30: On June 8, 1845 in Granville County North Carolina, Mary Bryant, 88, gave testimony that she knew Henry Hayes who married Mary Payton in Campbell County about the close of the Revolutionary war. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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To all to whom these Presents shall come know ye that I Henry Hayes a Soldier in the Service of the United States of America for and in Consideration of the Sum of Six dollars – to me in hand paid by William Christmas at & before the insealing [sic] & Delivery of These presents, have sold, remitted, released, quit claim, transferred and assigned and by these Presents do sell, Remise, Release, quit Claim, Transfer and assign to the said William Christmas his heirs and assigns forever all the right title and interest claim and Demand which I my heirs Executors or administrators at any time hereafter may have to all the land which I am entitled to and to all the land which I or Either of them may at any time hereafter be entitled to from the Congress of the United States of America for my Services as Soldier in the Army of the United States for and during the war with Great Britain.... [boilerplate legalese not transcribed]

I have set my hand & seal this 23 day of May A.D. 1796

S/ Henry Hayes, H his Mark