

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abram Hay W17262

Susannah Bachelor<sup>1</sup> fn76NC

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[fn pp. 2-5: photocopy of the Tuesday, November 29, 1803 copy of The Centinel of Freedom, Newark, N. J.]

[fn p. 8]

State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 22nd day of August 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, at her own residence, Susannah bachelor, a resident of the said County aged seventy-nine years who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that from old age and bodily infirmity she is unable to attend Court to make this Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, and the Act explanatory of that Act passed March 3, 1837: That she was married in the County of Wayne in the State aforesaid to Abram Hay, sometime in the month of July she thinks in the year of 1774 that her husband in the next spring two years afterwards enlisted in the United States Service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line, for 3 years – that he was enlisted by Captain Abram Shepperd – that he was marched by Captain Shepperd to Kingston [Kinston] in Lenoir County, then a place of Rendezvoused. Whilst there he came home once on furlough. Soon afterwards he was marched off under Captain Shepperd to the northern Army – and has understood he was under General Lincoln, and was made prisoner She understands at Charleston in South Carolina and remained prisoner to the enemy 14 months or as she has been informed was exchanged in Williamsburg Virginia & in a day or two after his exchange died at that place of this fact this Declarant was informed by some soldiers Prisoners now dead who were present at Williamsburg & saw him a few hours after he died – that it was, she understands in the summer of 1781, when he was exchanged & died – as above stated – That she and the said William Hay in the month of July 1774 – that her first & only child by her first husband, was called Willis and that when her husband enlisted said Willis

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<sup>1</sup> Former widow

was two years old. That this Declarant and the said Abram were married about ten months, when their son, Willis Hay was born – viz. he was born in May 1775, and my husband entered when said Willis was two years old viz. in May 1777 – that she has no family record extant

That he the said Abram Hay was made prisoner at the taking of Charlestown in the Spring of 1780 – & that he remained a prisoner to the British until July 1781 – and for which Service etc. this Declarant claims a pension:

That she was afterwards married to Stephen Bachelor in Nash County in the State aforesaid in the year 1791 by William Andrews Esquire –

That said Bachelor died in the year 1803. She thinks was the year & at that time was living in Franklin County in said State.

That last November 10 years ago this Declarant moved to New Hope in this County where she has been living ever since. That she was a widow on the 4th of July 1836 and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

That this Declarant here states that she omitted to state in its proper place that when she and her first husband Abram Hay were married they were married by Thomas Williams – and that she was then 15 years of age.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year first written above

S/ Susannah Bachelor, X her Mark

S/ C. W. Johnston, JP

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Abraham Hay a private Soldier in Captain Shepperd's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 4th day of May 1777 for 3 years, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls – a warrant was issued for his services to his Ayers on the 16th day of February 1784, for 640 acres of land No. 448.

Given under my hand this 1st day of June 1838

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Abraham Hay a private Soldier in Captain Sheperd's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 4th day of May 1777 for the term of three years, & that nothing more is said of him on said rolls. I do further certify that a warrant for bounty land for the services of said Abram Hay was issued to his Heirs on the 16th day of February 1784 for 640 acres of land, a quantity allowed a war Soldier or the heirs of one who died in Service, which Warrant is No. 448. This warrant was issued at a time when all Military warrants were issued on the Certificates of Field Officers, the Certificates were sent to Philadelphia in 1791, to aid Commissioners in settling the Army accounts.

Given under my hand this 10th day of June 1841

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 51: Martha Savage, 86, gave testimony in support of the claim filed by the widow in which she, Martha Savage, states that she is a relative of the widow (she does not say how she is related to the widow); that she was intimately acquainted with the widow prior to the time she moved from Nash County to Orange County some 50 or 60 years ago; that she did not witness the marriage of Susannah to Abraham Hay yet she has always understood that they were married legally some 66 years ago, that they had a son named Willis; that when Willis was about 2 years old Abraham Hay enlisted in the United States service under Captain Abraham Shepperd; that after the death of Abraham Hay, while affiant was living in Franklin County, the widow and her son Willis came and lived with her family several years in Franklin County; that Willis Hay died in Nash County about the year 1775 or 76 [sic]; that she understood that the widow and her son did obtained a warrant for land based on the service of the veteran but that they were fraudulently deprived of it.]

[facts in file: Willis Hay died in Nash County in 1805 or thereabouts; the widow whose maiden name was Susanna Savage; she was living in Nash County North Carolina when she gave birth to her son, Willis.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's two-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]