

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Hays W7634

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State of North Carolina Randolph County: SS

On this 9th Day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County & State of aforesaid (being a Court of Record) Edmund Hays, a resident of the County of Randolph & State of North Carolina aged about seventy-three years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he was born in the County of Randolph [North Carolina] in the year 1760 from which place his father moved when he was a small boy, and two old Ninety Six, (now Union) district in the State of South Carolina. He has no record of his age but an entry made by himself in his own family Bible which entry was made from information received from his parents of the time of his birth which this declarant has every reason to believe, and does believe is correct.

At the age of sixteen years this declarant entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for the term of two months and ten days and went from Union district South Carolina under the command of Captain Barnum in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians who at that time from encouragement received from the British had become very troublesome and dangerous. After his term of service was out he was discharged and returned home.

This declarant again entered the service of the United States under Captain Daniel Coiner [sic, Daniel Conyer or Daniel Comer?] and was marched from Union district below the River Congaree where he lay encamped for some considerable time, and from which place he was marched to Bush River at which place he was discharged. During this tour, this declarant believes the British were in possession of Charleston South Carolina. This declarant at this time was drafted for the time of two months & ten days and at the expiration of the term served and for his discharge other levies of troops had arrived to take the place of those at that time discharged.

After this tour he was ordered by General Brandon [Thomas Brandon] to take a number of old Tories, together with a large number of Tory women the wives and daughters of those engaged with the British, to the British lines. It was thought by General Brandon that by removing them to the British lines that it would prevent the inroads of the Tories into that part of the Country, which had been frequent and bloody. This service this declarant together with three

or four others performed and was told by General Brandon that it would be equal to a regular tour of two months & ten days.

This declarant was after this drafted for 2 months & 10 days and again entered the Service of the United States under the command of Captain William Grant, & General Brandon during the continuance of this tour the Battle of the Cowpens took place at which place the British under the command of Colonel Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] were defeated by General Morgan. This declarant was in that engagement, and well recollects General Morgan Colonel Washington and General Pickens – after his term of service expired he was discharged. Previous to this last mentioned tour this declarant volunteered together with five hundred others under Colonel Fair [Farr] to go against a party of Tories who were then infesting the Country. Colonel Fair after joining Colonel Washington went in pursuit of the Tories who being overtaken by the troop of Colonel Washington and the volunteers under Colonel Fair at Brandon's Store were cut to pieces and defeated.

This declarant was engaged in a great many excursions of a similar nature in some of which he volunteered and in others was called out for short terms, the number and duration of which this declarant at this time has no particular Recollection. On one occasion he well recollects being called out to guard a block house stored with provisions for the Army in which Service he was engaged nearly 2 months. Shortly after the Battle of the Cowpens this affiant came on a visit to Randolph County in the State of North Carolina, where he has remained ever since with the exception of two years and where he was engaged on one occasion shortly before the close of the war in an excursion against that turbulent and bloody Tory Fanning [David Fanning].

This declarant states that from his being removed from the scene of his services, he has no means of proving his services except by his own oath, and that he has no documentary evidence of the same never having received any written discharge at any time.

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 and year aforesaid.

S/ Edmund Hays, X his mark

[Larkin C. York & John Kevit, Balam Aldridge & Samuel Aldridge gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 14: on May three, 1855 in Randolph County North Carolina, Edmond [sic] Hayes, 95, filed for his bounty land entitlement as a veteran of the revolution

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In Randolph County, on Sandy Creek, on Wednesday the 17th instant, Mr. EEMUND HAYS, aged about 96 years. He was a veteran in the Revolution, and fought under Gen. Morgan at the battle at the Cowpens.

[fn p. 10: On October 25, 1856 in Randolph County North Carolina, Martha Hays, 83, filed an application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Edmond [sic] Hays, a pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him September six, 1812; that her husband died September 17th 1856 and that she remains his widow. Elias Hays and Sarah Frazier gave supporting testimony.]

[fn p. 17: copy of the marriage bond issued in Randolph County North Carolina to Edmond Hays and Isaac Wright September 6, 1812 to secure the marriage of Martha Frazier to Edmond Hays.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]