

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Hays W7635

Sarah Hays

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State of Georgia Jackson County: SS

On this 20th day of August 1847 personally appeared before me Charles Witt J.I.C. [Judge of the Inferior Court] of said County Sarah Hays a resident of the County aforesaid aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows and the several acts in continuation thereof. That she is the widow of George Hays who served in the war of the Revolution as a private under what Captain I cannot recollect but recollects to have heard him say he served as many as three tours she cannot recollect all the officers names under whom he served General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] she recollects as one of them he was in the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781],¹ Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]² and Cowpens [January 17, 1781]³ as she understood from him. At the time of his entering the service he resided in South Carolina. Not then being married she is unable to state more as to his service.

She further declares that she was married to the said George Hays by Isaac Morgan Esquire in Greenville District South Carolina in the year 1787 December the fifth.

That her husband the said George Hays died in Jackson County Georgia on the 17th September 1843. That after marriage lived in Greenville District South Carolina and then moved to Jackson County Georgia where her husband George Hays remained until his death as above stated and that she was not married to her said husband prior to his being in the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 to wit at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 20th day of August 1847.

S/ Charles Witt, JIC

S/ Sarah Hayes, X her mark

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Pickens District South Carolina

Personally appeared before me William Grant⁴ a revolutionary soldier and pensioner and made oath that he was personally acquainted with James Wood who appears to have given the following Certificate James Wood was a man of high standing and also a public man who done a

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

⁴ This is probably the same man as [William Grant W1757](#)

great deal of business in the time of the Revolution War was a good Whig and great confidence placed in him – at such time of trouble James Wood was after this murdered by Cunningham [William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham] and his murdering scout of Tories in South Carolina Just before the close of the war. I was acquainted with Henry Hays father of George Hays who was a man of moral habits and I can have no doubt but George Hays served in the war several years I was acquainted with Colonel Robuck [Benjamin Roebuck] Captain Parsons [Major Parsons] Colonel Anderson [probably Robert Anderson] and all the officers of him in Colonel Robuck's Regiment George Hays lived in the same section of country I knew no other George Hays in that part of this country no other.

S/ William Grant, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed before me this the 15th day of June 1848

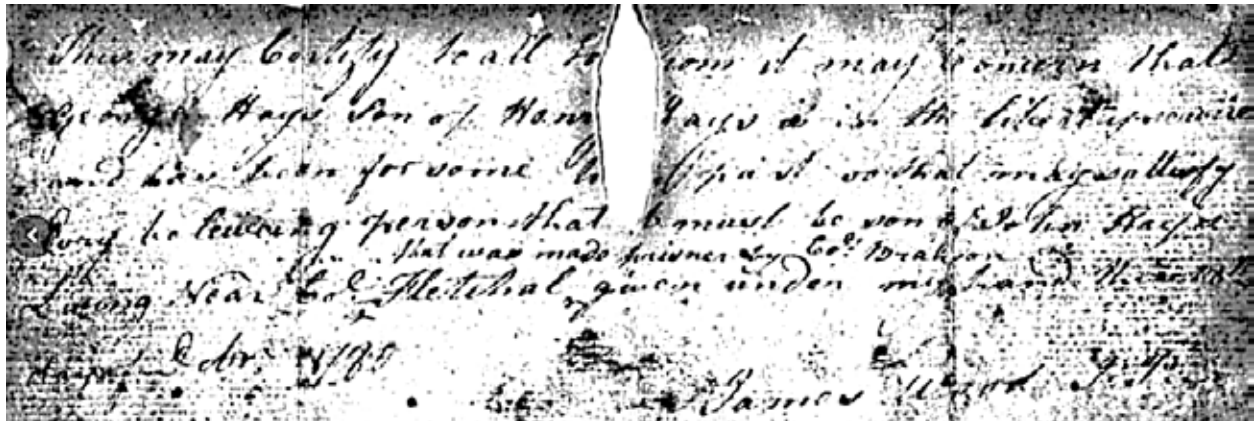
S/ J. B. E. Caradine, MP

[p 12: appears to be the actual document containing James Wood's statement. The document is very faint. It appears to read as follows:

"This may Certify to all to Whom It May Concern that
George Hays Son of Henry Hayes is in the liberty service
and has been for some ti [paper torn and text missing, but likely "time"] past so that may satisfy
Evry beleiving person that it must be son by John Hays
Living near Col. Fletchal [Thomas Fletchall] ^{that was taken prisoner by Col Branson [sic, Thomas Brandon]}
given under my hand this 18th

day of Octr 1780

S/ James Wood JP



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Pickens district South Carolina: July 1st 1848

Sir. I send you William Grant's certificate also certificate of James Wood found in possession of Sarah Hays widow of George Hays showing George Hays was in the Liberty service. I think Sir there is no possible chance of finding any individual that saw George Hays & Sarah Burnes married, there is no doubt but they were lawfully married at the time stated in her declaration. She is a lady of character. Thomas Hays, June [sic, Junior] Brother [of George Hays] is entitled to a state pension of \$60 for services rendered in the State of South Carolina.

I have wrote to the Honorable H. Cobb member to Congress to state to you that J. J. McCulloch is clerk of the Court of Jefferson Georgia and his signature is Genuine.
Mr. Cobb is acquainted with McCulloch Clerk of the Court Jefferson Georgia

Yours respectfully
S/ James F. Caradine

[p 27: Affidavit of William Grant given in Pickens District South Carolina in support of the fact of marriage of George Hays to Sarah Burns by Isaac Morgan, a magistrate in Greenville District South Carolina: "and Deponent further declares he himself a Revolutioner and Pensioner the first duty he ever done was under Captain Joseph McJunkin of South Carolina also served under him after he became Major for some time, and in June 1781 was appointed Lieutenant under Captain William Grant and continued as such until the close of the Revolutionary war which entitles me to a pension of \$170 annually for services."]

[p 29: On November 13, 1849, George Ross Senior gave testimony in Greenville District South Carolina that he was well acquainted with George Hays and his wife Sarah Burnes; that he, Ross, went to school with George Hays and knows that George Hays and Sarah Burnes were married by his (Ross') stepfather Isaac Morgan.]

[image 343 Ancestry.com version: On March 1, 1849 in Spartanburg South Carolina, William Wheeler gave testimony that he was acquainted with George Hays and his wife Sarah Burns and 1786 prior to their marriage; at that time George Hays was teaching school; that George and Sarah were married on December 5, 1787 by Isaac Morgan in Greenville District South Carolina; that affiant was not personally present at the wedding but affiant's brother was living with Isaac Morgan at the time and did witness the wedding.]

[image 344 Ancestry.com version: In Jackson County Georgia on December 10, 1847, James Wheeler⁵ gave testimony that he was acquainted with George Hayes and his wife Sarah before they were married in Greenville District South Carolina by Isaac Morgan; that he was not present at their wedding but has no doubt that they were lawfully married; and that he, the affiant, is himself a pensioner for service in the Revolution. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 34: list of indents showing payments made to a George Hays for militia service during the Revolution including payments for service in the Roebuck's Regiment; for 361 days service as a horseman from October 29, 1780 to October 25, 1781 under Lieutenant Israel Morris and Colonel Roebuck's Regiment; 280 days as a horseman from 20 December 1781 to 24 September 1782 for service under the command of Captain Major Parsons in Colonel Roebuck Regiment.]

[Veteran's widow was granted a pension of \$88.16 commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending September 17, 1843, the date of his death, in right of his service and the pension due him for such service; the widow was granted a pension in her own right in the identical amount commencing September 17, 1843.]

⁵ [James Wheeler S32064](#)