Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Hays S38792

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District of West Tennessee

Colonel Robert Hays a citizen of Davidson County in the State of Tennessee came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States on account of his services as an Officer in the revolutionary war and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he entered the service of the United States as an Ensign under the command of Captain William T. Cole [William Temple Coles] in the 4th North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk, the Brigade was commanded by General Francis Nash continued in said service from the fall of 1776 or Spring of 1777 until the first day of January 1778 when he was transferred to the first North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark to rank as second Lieutenant in said last mentioned Regiment and continued in service until the end of the war. That he is old and very infirm and is in reduced circumstances so much so that he stands in need of aid from Government. That he never has had a pension from the United States or any State Government.

Sworn to & subscribed this 11 July 1818

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

Major Howell Tatum a citizen of Davidson County aforesaid came before me and made Oath that he knows that the Applicant Robert Hays was and Officer in the North Carolina

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Continental line from the month of July 1777 that he was transferred to the first as stated in his affidavit and that he served until the end of the war, being the greater part of the war and officer in the said first Regiment.
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of July 1818
S/ John McNairy, District Judge

Colonel Robert Hays further swears that the enclosed commission is the original as given him by the then constituted authorities.
Sworn to before me
S/ John McNairy, District Judge S/ Robt Hays Late Lieut. N. Carolina Line

Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $20 per month commencing July 11th, 1818, for service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina Continental line.