

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Hayes S1668

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: On this 29th of April 1833 personally appeared before me Lewis Mitchell one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee duly commissioned by the Governor and qualified according to law George Hayes Senior a resident of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

He states he entered the service of the United States under the command of Captain Alexander Irvine the first of December 1781<sup>1</sup> and marched on through Lincoln County in North Carolina by Ramsour's Mills where he joined General Davidson on big sugar Creek in Macklinburg County [Mecklenburg County]. From thence he was sent as a guard to take some prisoners to Salisbury from whence he returned and joined Davidson again. He states he marched from thence up the Catawba River with Davidson's Army to a Ford called Tucaseagy [Tuckaseegee]. From thence the Army marched to McCowans ford [Cowans Ford] on the same River where Cornwallis crossed the River and attacked Davidson who he states was killed and the balance of his Army routed. He says he got scattered from his Captain in the route and then joined the Company of one Captain Robert Brown and went as an Indian spie [spy] near the head of Catawba River in Birk [Burke] County North Carolina near the swanano gap [Swannanoa gap] in the blue Ridge. From thence he was discharged and returned home in June 1782 aggregate of six months – He states he has no one to prove his service owing to his removing from North Carolina to the State of Tennessee and leaving behind him all who could be of service to him in making his declaration. He states he can prove by one George Hayes and Benjamin Coffey of his service so far as relates to his entering the service and his being absent the time he states as they were knowing to the same and he herewith encloses their affidavits.

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<sup>1</sup> From the events described by the veteran, this date is December 1780, not 1781.

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 and subscribed the date before mentioned.

S/ George Hayes, Senior, X his mark

[Thomas Crawley, a clergyman, and William Gidions gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: Personally appeared George Hayes before me Lewis Mitchell an acting Justice for said County and made oath that in consequence of great bodily infirmity he is unable to undergo the fatigue of going before the Court or Judge of the court to make their declaration aforesaid the court house being 25 miles from him in the County where he resides. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 29th April 1833

Witness

S/ Lewis Mitchell

S/ George Hayes, Senior, X his mark

Questions proposed to George Hayes Senior an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the State of Virginia in Amherst County in 1760

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I had a record of my age but have lost it

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I was living in the State of North Carolina in Birk County and from Birk County I moved into Hawkins County in the State of Tennessee where I now live.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I volunteered

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I do not recollect of any particular circumstance of my service more than I related in my declaration. The officers that I now recollect were General Davidson his aid de camp Charles Doyd Captain Alexander Erwin, Lieutenant William Alexander and Captain Robert Brown

[6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?—not asked]

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Benjamin Coffey, George Hayes Junior, John Mills, Ransom Hayes, Joel Mills, Thomas Crawley [all of whom signed an affidavit as to the age and reputation of the veteran as a soldier of the revolution.]

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: Personally appeared George Hayes before me Lewis Mitchell one of the acting Justices of said County and made oath that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he cannot procure the evidence of anyone to testify of the same but states by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as

to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served as a private under Captain Brown and Captain Irvine six months and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed 7th June 1833.

Attest

S/ Lewis Mitchell

S/ George Hayes, X his mark

[fn p. 10: On May 17, 1835 in Bledsoe County Tennessee, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Knoxville agency as he intends to remain in Bledsoe to reside with his eldest daughter and youngest son in order for them to take care of him and the advantage of a warmer climate as advised by a physician.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]