

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hayes S21268

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State of South Carolina Newberry district: SS

On this twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting John Hays [sic] a resident of the district and State aforesaid aged about seventy-one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath take the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was born on the 30th of November 1764 in Granville County in the State of North Carolina. He knows his age from an entry made by his father in the family Bible which he has often seen but he knows not where it may now be. He has a record of his age in his own family Bible which was copied from that above mentioned.

When called into service as hereinafter stated he was living in Granville County aforesaid, and continued to live there afterwards until about the year 1813.

He now lives in the district of Newberry in the State of South Carolina, and has lived there about 22 years.

He was first called into service of the United States by draft, in the spring of the year 1781 under Captain John Henderson, Major Pleasant Henderson commanded the Battalion and Colonel Malberdy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] commanded the Regiment. He was drafted under Captain Richard Harrison, and was marched under him to the High Rock Ford on Haw River where they joined the Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene]. At the instance of Colonel Taylor [Joseph Taylor] who commanded the Regiment of foot to which this deponent was attached, he procured a horse and joined the troop of cavalry commanded by Captain John Henderson; and in that troop of Cavalry he served three months. He belonged to General Green's Army at the time of the battle of Guilford but was not engaged in the battle – having been sent off with a detachment of cavalry against a party of British Dragoons. Captain Henderson's troop were sent to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) to take care of the magazine and stores. Lord Cornwallis came through on his way from Guilford to Wilmington and Captain Henderson and his men were compelled to cross the River for safety (Cape Fear [River]). The British fired at them across the River, and they returned the fire as opportunity was afforded from behind trees and other covering. He was discharged after having served three months at Cross Creek in North Carolina on the Cape Fear River. He got no written discharge at that time.

He entered the service the second time in the fall of the same year by draft, under Captain Nathaniel Waller, Major Richard Cook commanded the Battalion, Colonel Taylor commanded the Regiment at the Commencement of his term of service; but Colonel Owen was in command at the conclusion. He served three months under this draft, and received a written discharge signed by Colonel Owen which has been long lost or mislaid. They first assembled at Harrisburg whence they were marched to Cross Creek (Fayetteville). There they met with General Rutherford and General Butler [John Butler] – one of them had command of the whole of the forces there assembled. After remaining there a few days they were marched down near Wilmington where the British were stationed, and they continued in that neighborhood until his term of service expired. They were engaged all the time in intercepting parties of Tories, cutting off foraging parties of the British and otherwise harassing them. He was discharged at Rocky point in North East Cape Fear River.

This deponent therefore says that he has served six months as a private in the War of the Revolution.

He refers to the statements of Messrs. Richard Glasgow,<sup>1</sup> Charles Bullock<sup>2</sup> and Edward Thweat<sup>3</sup> in support of this statement, which are hereto attached.

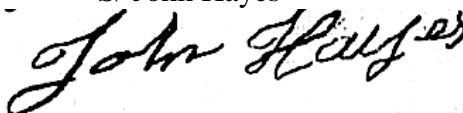
He also refers to Joseph McKee and Samuel McKee respectable gentlemen who reside in his neighborhood to whom he is known and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year above written in open Court.

S/ Y. J. Harrington, Clerk

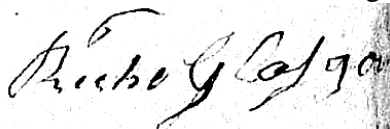
S/ John Hayes



[Joseph McKee and Samuel McKee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Granville County: On this 20th day of October 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Richard Glasgow a resident Citizen of Granville aforesaid now in the eightieth year of his age who being first duly sworn according to law Deposeth and saith that in the War of the Revolution he knew John Hays who was at that time a citizen of this County but now a resident of Newberry District South Carolina this affiant well recollects that he and said Hays were in the United States service together in the fall of the year 1781 commanded by Captain Nathaniel Walles, Major Richard Cook and Colonel Thomas Owin [sic] this affiant well remembers that John Hays served one tour of 3 months in the fall of the year 1781 in the Revolutionary War and is a man of truth and veracity.

S/ Richd Glasgow



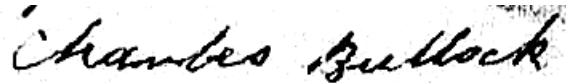
<sup>1</sup> [Richard Glasgow W7536](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Charles Bullock S9108](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Edward Thiveat \(Thweat, Tweat\) S9490](#)

State of North Carolina Granville County: On this 14 day of October 1835 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Charles Bullock a resident citizen of Granville aforesaid, now in the 74th or 5th year of his age who being first duly sworn according to law, Deposeth & saith, that in the war of the Revolution he knew John Hayes, who was at that time a citizen of this County, but now a Resident of Newberry District South Carolina, this affiant well recollects that he and John Hayes was in the United States Service together in the spring of the year in 1781 commanded by Captain John Henderson Colonel Malmedy & Major Pleasant Henderson and was together in Guilford County at the time the Battle was fought there between General Green & Corn Wallas this affiant well recollects that the said John Hays served one Tour of 3 months in the Revolutionary war & is a man of truth & veracity.

S/ Charles Bullock



State of South Carolina Newberry District: Personally appeared Edward Thweatt at Newberry Court House before the Court of Common pleas now sitting, in open Court, and after being duly sworn made oath, that he knows John Hays who is now making application for a pension. That he knows that said applicant was in the service of the United States in the Fall of the year 1781 in the Army which was under the command of Generals Butler and Rutherford, for he remembers to have seen him often in the service.

The deponent does not remember to have seen said applicant in the spring of said year, but is satisfied that he must have been there also in the service from the fact that said Hays has told him since of things which then occurred which this deponent thinks could not have been known to anyone except those who were personally present.

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ Edward Thweatt



[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.]