

## WAR OF 1812 PENSION APPLICATION OF WIDOW OF WILLIAM(2)HAYS

State of Illinois  
Champaign County

On this 6 day of February, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and 80, personally appeared before me, John A. Fisher Notary Public the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, (1) Sarah Hays, aged 87 years, a resident of Urbana, in the State of Illinois, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is a widow of (2) William Hays deceased, who was the identical (3) William Hays, who served under the name of (4) William Hays as a (5) Private in the 14th Regiment of Infantry, his Warrant numbered 13,800, in the War of 1812; that her said husband (6) enlisted at state of Ohio \*\*\*\*\* She further states that the following is a full description of her said husband at the time of his enlistment, viz: (9) 5 feet 10½ inches in height, Hair dark, Eyes blue, Complexion fair. She further states that she was married to the said William Hays near city of Hamilton, in the county of Butler, and the State of Ohio, on the 7 day of March A.D. 1810 by one (10) Rev. Mr. Gard, who was a (11) minister of the gospel and that her name before her said marriage was Sarah Fleming; and she further states that (12) After marriage lived in Ohio until 1839, then removed to Indiana for three years thence to Champaign Co. Ill. and that her said husband (13) William Hays, died near Urbana in the State of Illinois, on the 2d day of January A.D. 1852; and she further declares that the following have been the places of residence of herself and said husband since the date of his discharge from the Army, viz: (14) given above. Her said husband had never been married before She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which she may be entitled under the provisions of Sections 4736 to 1740 inclusive, Revised Statutes, and the Act of March 9, 1878, and hereby constitutes and appoints with full powers of substitution and revocation A.L. Shader, of Rantoul, Champaign Co. Illinois, her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute her claim, and she further declares that she has heretofore made no application for (15) Pension bounty ? That she is unable from age & infirmity to leave her home and travel or be carried to an officer of a court of record or clerk of same using a seal and that her residence is Urbana, county of Champaign, State of Illinois, and that her post-office address is Urbana, Champaign Co. Ill.

Attest: SAMUEL DUNN  
LANCASTER FENTER

SARAH HAYES (her mark)

State of Illinois  
Champaign Co.

On this 7th day of January 1881 before the undersigned clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said county personally came Asa F. Hays to me well known as a respectable citizen entitled to credit, who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says as follows: I am now fifty four years of age, having been born in Darke Co., Ohio in the year 1825; that my father's name was William Hayes, who was a son of William Hayes by his first marriage; that I well remember my grandfather the said William Hayes Sr when I was a small child, near whom my father lived when I was born as I verily believe; that I knew the said William until I was about 12 years old when he with his family removed to the state of Illinois and settled in Champaign County Illinois. That in the year 1851 affiant removed to and settled in Champaign County Illinois where he found his grandfather and his family residing in the neighborhood of Zephaniah Dunn's residence; that he was

much with his grand father from that time until his death and especially during his last illness; that he died early in January 1852 and was shaved after his death by affiant who assisted in dressing the body for burial; that from the earliest recollection of affiant, Sarah Hayes, whom affiant is informed is now an applicant for a pension on account of the services of said William in the War of 1812, was living with the said William as his wife and the mother of his family of children; that she left with the family for the west as affiant now remembers about the year 1838; that affiant saw no more of the family except on the occasion of a visit of his grandfather to his father's family in Darke county Ohio about 1840 until the removal of affiant to Illinois in 1851 where he found the family, or those then living and the said Sarah as wife and mother as aforesaid living together; that she was with him in his last illness and followed his remains to the grave all the time treated by the neighbors as his wife; that said William and Sarah Hayes had several children among whom affiant remembers Lorenzo Dow, Thompson, John, Rose Anna and Matialee all of whom treated the said Sarah as mother; that said Sarah was always treated by affiant's grandfather as his wife from affiant's earliest recollection and has been called by affiant as "grandmother"; that affiant always understood from his father that the first wife of said William the mother of affiant's father died some years before the War of 1812 and that his grandfather was married to the said Sarah as his second wife; that affiant from information derived from his father and mother has no doubt but the Sarah Hayes who is now an applicant for a pension as above set forth was formerly named Sarah Fleming and was married to William Hayes, who affiant also believes was a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, at Butler Co. Ohio in 1810; that affiant resides at Urbana, Illinois where he has resided since 1851 and he is by occupation a blacksmith; that he has no interest in the prosecution of said claim for pension; that said Sarah never remarried after the death of William Hayes Sen; that said Sarah was some twenty years younger than her husband.

A. F. HAYS

Sworn to before me the day above written and I certify that I am disinterested in said claim.

J.W. PORTER  
Clerk Circuit Court  
of said county

State of Illinois  
Champaign County

In the claim for pension of Sarah Hays widow of William Hays under act of March 9th 1878 , no. 19,072, before me the Clerk of the County Court in and for the aforesaid County personally appeared Thompson C. Hays a resident of Newcomb Township in the County of Champaign and State of Illinois, who being by me first duly sworn on his oath states that his age is 62 years that he is the son and heir of Sarah Hays widow of William Hays a deceased soldier of the War of 1812. That said William Hays said Soldier and the husband of said Claimant was born on the Eighth day of September A.D. 1765 in the State of New Jersey affiant does not know neither can he find out the County where said Soldier was born. That said Soldier died January 2nd A.D. 1852 in Somer Township Champaign County, State of Illinois. Affiant further says that he cannot furnish the signature of said Soldier because all of the papers and books containing said signature are lost

and destroyed together with the family bible containing his signature That said bible was destroyed in the following manner . A calf got in the room where said bible was and tore and destroyed the family record containing said signature so that it was entirely destroyed. Affiant knows said fact from personal knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ing the said bible after it was so mutilated and destroyed Affiant further says that he has searched every place where any of the papers were kept, and could not find any papers belonging to or signed by said Soldier. Affiant further says his said father said Soldier wrote his own name and did not make his mark That for many years he was Justice of the Peace of Dark County State of Ohio residing near Greenville of said County. Affiant does not know whether his said father at the time he was in said service or at time of enlistment signed by mark or not. Affiant further says that about Twelve years or so ago A man by the name of Wright (as near as affiant can remember his name) came to Champaign in the County of Champaign State of Illinois and advertised to procure Land Warrants for the widows and heirs of deceased Soldiers of the War of 1812. Affiant went to see said Wright at Champaign aforesaid and he had father's name and employed said Wright to procure said Warrant which he did and sent it to affiant. This is the only way we procured said land Warrant we did not know the no. of the Warrant before or at the time nor since. Only that the land Warrant was given to one A.L. Shader a resi\_\_\_\_\_ of Rantoul, Champaign County State of Illinois to make application for a pension for my Mother the above named applicant and widow, and that said no. of said Warrant was taken from the Land Warrant aforesaid. And affiant believes that said land warrant is now on file in this claim in the \_\_\_\_\_ office at Washington D.C. because said Shader erquested the possession of the same \_\_\_\_\_ file in said claim and possession was given him for that purpose. Affiant says that said Shader went away from Rantoul aforesaid, and did not attend to the claim is the reason of delay - and that affiant did not know where he was. Affiant further says that he requests that the necessary papers be sent him for the purpose of prosecuting said claim to completion for the Heirs of said Claimant Sarah Hays - That said Claimant & widow died in Newcomb Township said County \_\_\_\_\_ on or about the 28th day of February A.D. 1881. Affiant's post office address is follows Fisher; Champaign County State of Illinois.

T. C. HAYS