

Pension Records of Sarah Sally Smith Mays widow of Jesse Mays
Married in Nov 1796 Henry Co. Virginia
This Pension File covers 1815 to 1868

Madison County Tennessee

[?Missing Check Dec 13, 1853 - this is difficult to read]

Hon. L. P. [Wald?]

Sir:

Please find the the [repeated word] application of Sarah, widow [of] Jesse who died on return from Service for arrearages of pension due her and also her application for Bounty Land under Act of 1850.

It is proper to remark here that an informal application for Bounty Land was made out and Sent to the Department Some [two/ten?] or more months ago and to which there has been no response and She makes the present application as She [Supposes?] in better form with the humble hope that her case will be attended to in due time. Should there be any informality in her claim for pension She expects to receive suitable forms by which to make the necessary corrections.

Very respectfully,

G. W. Talbot

The [list?] for land sent to Malcolm.

State of Tennessee

County of Perry

On this fifth day of May A. D. 1854 one thousand eight hundred and fifty four Personally appeared before me George W. Shelton one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Perry and State of Tennessee: Sarah Mays a resident of the Said County and State aged about Seventy Seven Years who being 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 Laws of the United States passed the 3d day of February 1853 and all other Subsequent acts made in Such Cases for Widows: That She is the Widow of Jesse Mays, who was a private in the [space left blank] Regiment of Tennessee Militia Commanded by General Wm Carroll That She was married to the Said Jesse Mays on the 13th day of November 1796. but having no record evidence thereof She must rely on the Testimony of Credible persons to establish this fact; That her husband Jesse Mays Died on his return home Some time in the year 1815 at the Close of the War and Was buried at Baton Rouge in the State of Louisiana in consequence

of a [next word inserted with a caret] disease Contracted while in Service called Measles; and that She has remained a Widow ever Since that period and that She is now unable to leave her Bed and room to go before a court of record and make this declaration farther[sic] proof Will more fully appear by referenc[sic] to her former declaration on file in [blank space] 1853.

Sarah (her X mark) Mays

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on the day and date above Written and the named Sarah Mays is entitled to faith and credit in all her acts and is too infirm to appear in Court

G W Shelton (seal)
(J P) forgoing County

State of Tennessee) Linden
County of Perry)

I . Jesse Taylor Clerk of the County Court and State aforesaid Do hereby Certify that George W.. Shelton is an acting Justice of the Peace for said County and that faith and credit is Due all his official Acts.. and I concur with him in reference to the Character above named Sarah Mays

In testimony Whereof I hereunto
Set my name and ~~Caused~~ affixed
the Seal of Said County at office
in the Town of Linden
this 6th day of May 1854
Jesse Taylor Clk

920 No.4,752 Dec 24/[53?, 63?]
Sarah Mays widow of
Jesse Mays

Col. Wim Carroll) Tenn Mil
Tennessee,
War of 1812

Was half pay pensioner un-
der the act of April 16/16
Act Feb 3/53 Halfpay
[--?--] Janry 54 for Declaration
in Open Court - - D. M Cook
Circular to Agent

Allo - Five years half pay
at the rate of Three dollars
and fifty cents (\$3.50) per mo
from Febry 3d 1855

J. E. Stewart

June 7/54

G. W. Talbot

Spring Creek

Madison Co

Tenn

No. 4,222

Tennessee Jackson

Sarah Mays,

widow of Jesse,

who died on the 19 March, 1815.

who was a private in _____

Captain _____ Company _____

of the _____

Regiment Tenn Mil-a

Transcribed on the Roll of Jackson

at the rate of 3 Dollars 50 Cents per month, to

commence on the 3d day of February

1853, and continue for five years.

Certificate of Pension issued the 8th day

of June, 1854, and sent to

Geo W. Talbot.

Spring Creek.

Madison Co

Tenn:

--?-- 3d February, 1853

[?S]ection the 1st.

Recorded by G. T. Getty Clerk,

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Sarah Mays

wid

Jesse

Private

Tenn Mila

War 1812

Tenn
[?Act] of June 3, 1858
allowance Nov 11 1858
at \$3.50 per month
--?-- Feby 4 1858
Stewart

L Jayne Esq
Spring Creek
Tenn
28 Oct 58

Brief in the case of Sarah Mays widow of Jesse Mays decd
Madison County and State of Tennessee

Sec 1 act June 3. 1858

Claim, ("original," or "for increase.") Renewal

Proof exhibited, (if original.)

Is it documentary, traditionary, or supported by rolls? Is either, state the substance.

Claimant as the widow of Jesse Mays decd - Private Tenn Mila War 1812 - was pensioned under the 1st Sec of the Act of Feby 3_1853- at the rate of \$3 50/100 per month. Pension expired Feby 3 1858. Widowhood and identity are fully established.

(If for increase.)

Has additional evidence been filed since the admission of the claim? If so, what?

Allowed November 11 1858 at \$3.50 per month for Feby 4 1858.

Z. Jayne Esq

Name and residence of Agent

Spring Creek

Tenn.

J. E. Stewart

Examining Clerk.

[Written diagonally, lower left to upper right: [---?--] due in this certificate from 3rd Feby 1858 to 3rd September 1858 inclusive perTennessee Office certification \$24.00]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

WIDOW'S CLAIM.

I certify that Sarah Mays, widow of Jesse Mays, who was a private in the Tennessee Militia, in the service of the United States, is entitled under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1858 to receive pay at the rate of three dollars and fifty cents per month, to commence on the third day of February, 1858, and to continue during life, unless she shall again marry, in which case the pension is not payable after the date of such marriage.

Given at the Department of the interior
this thirteenth day of
November, one thousand
eight hundred and fifty-eight.

J. Thompson
Secretary of the Interior.

COUNTERSIGNED,
[Jno C. Whitney?]
Commissioner of Pensions.

DEPARTMENT
OF THE
INTERIOR
Nov 24 1865
PENSION OFFICE
[Stamp]

Respectfully pre-
sented to the Hon
J. H. Barrett, Comm
of Pensions by
Horatio King
Atty
24 Nov '65

[page torn] on No. 627

Tennessee
Sarah Mays
Widow of Jesse
who wa a Privatt[sic] in ____
Captain ____ Company ____
of the Tennessee Militia
_____ Regiment _____

Inscribed on the Roll of Louisville Ky
at the rate of 3 Dollars 50 Cents per month, to
commence on the 4th day of March
1861 & Ending August 15, 1861 &
Commencing November 24 th 1865
Certificate of Pension issued the 21st day
of December 1865, and sent to
Horatio King
?Prebent/Present?

Act of June 3, 1858
Recorded by E. D. Collier, Clerk
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Restoration
No. 627
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
WIDOW'S CLAIM.

I certify that Sarah Mays widow of Jesse who was a Private of the Tennessee Militia in the service of the United States, is entitled, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1858, to receive pay at the rate of Three dollars and fifty cents per month, to commence on the Fourth day of March, 1861, and to End, ~~to continue during life, unless she should again marry, in which case the pension is not payable after the date of such marriage.~~ August 15. 1861

Given at the Department of Interior,
this Twenty first day
of December one thousand
eight hundred and Sixty five.
W. T. Otto
acting Secretary of the interior.

Countersigned:

Joseph H. Barrett Commissioner of Pensions.

627 Restoration & ReIssue
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WIDOW'S CLAIM.

I certify that Sarah Mays widow of Jesse Mays, who was a Private of the Tennessee Militia in the service of the United States, is entitled under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1858, to receive pay at the rate of

Three dollars and fifty cents per month, to commence on the Fourth day of March 1861, and to continue during life, unless she shall again marry, in which case the pension is not payable after the date of such marriage. Deducting all payments made on two certificated dated December 21st 1865.

Given at the Department of the Interior,
this Twenty third day
of April one thousand
eight hundred and Sixty Six

W. R. Otto
acting SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

COUNTERSIGNED,
Joseph H. Barrett - Commissioner of Pensions.

APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER

State of Tennessee
County of Madison

On this 22d day of April, 1867, before me, a Justice of the Peace for Said County & State personally appeared Sarah Mays, a resident of Madison County Tennessee &, who, being duly sworn, declareth that She is the same person whose name was placed, on the 23 day of April, 1866, upon the list of Widow's restored Pensions, at the rate of three dollars & fifty cents per month, from the Fourth day of March, 1861

That said Sarah Mays was last paid at the Jackson Tennessee [the words "in Lou Ky" written diagonally] Pension Agency at Jackson Tennessee to the 4th day of March, 1861, inclusive, but now desires and applies for the payment of said pension at, and the transfer of her name to the roll of the Widow's Pensions at Pension Agency at Nashville, Tennessee.

Sarah (her X mark) Mays

Sworn and subscribed to before me,
the day and year aforesaid,
L Day
Justice of the Peace
for Madison County Tenn.

EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY

STATE of Tennessee, County of Madison, SS.

I Lemuel Day Justice of the Peace, in the county above named, do hereby certify that I have the most satisfactory evidence,* viz:
as the Pensioner is & has for a long number of years been personally Known to me [last two words crossed out], that She is truly the person named in Said Pension certificate; and I hereby certify that Sarah Mays, who has this day appeared before me to take the oath of identity, is the identical person named in the pension certificate, which she has exhibited before me, numbered 627, and bearing date at the Department of the Interior on the 23 day of April, 1866, and signed by W. T. Otts[?], acting Secretary of Interior, & Jos. H. Barrett Commissioner of Pensions.

GIVEN under my hand at Spring Creek Tennessee this 22 day of April, 1867.

Lemuel Day

Justice of the Peace for Madison Co. Tennessee

N. B.. - When the pensioner is personally know to the agent, and he will certify to his identity, and annexed form may be dispensed with. The number of pension certificate is sometimes on the back of it.

*Here state what the evidence is - whether personal knowledge, or the affidavits of respectable persons, giving their names.

Spring Creek Oct 30 1858

Hon. Geo. C. Whiting
Sir

Please find the application of Mrs. Sarah Mays for renewal of half pay Pension under "Act of June 3rd 1858.

I have the honor to remain your most Obedient
Z. Jayne

No. 627
Tennessee
Sarah Mays
Widow of Jesse
who was a Priv in
Captain [Jes? - NOTE: this appears to be an error] Company
of the
Regiment Tenn Mil
Inscribed on the Roll of Jackson
at the rate of 3 Dollars 50 Cents per month
Commence on the 3^o
day of February
1858
Certificate of Pension issued the 13 day
of Nov 1858 and sent to
Z. Jayne
Spring Creek
Act 3d June, 1858
Recorded by George D. Talbot
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State of Tennessee)
County of Madison) s. s.

On this 17th day of November A.D. one thousand eight hundred, and Sixty five, personally appeared before me P. C. McCowat Clerk of the County Court in, and for Said State, and County, the Same being a Court of record, Sarah Mays, aged (.89.) eight nine years, a resident of Madison County in the State of Tennessee: who being duly Sworn according to Law declares, that, She is the identical Sarah Mays who was a pensioner on the Rolls of the agency at Jackson, Tenn. and whose Pension Certificate is being returned: that, She, has resided Since the first day of January A.D. 1861, as follows: one mile west of the town of Spring Creek, in Said State and County and during this period her means of Subsistence have been Such Charities as the Neighbor, and her daughter Saw fit to bestow upon her, that, She has not borne arms against the Government of the United States, or in any means encouraged the Rebels, or Manifest a Sympathy with this Cause, That She was last paid her Pension on the 10th day of March A.D. 1861.

This application is made to Secure a restorat[ion] of her name to the pension rolls, and of obtaining a new pension certificate, Such as She may be entitled to under existing law, referenced being made to the Evidence hereto filed in the

Pension Office to Substantiate her original[inserted by caret] claim.

Sarah (her X mark) Mays

Also personally appeared William M[*]. Mays, and Robert J. Mays residents of Madison County, and State of Tennessee, person whom I certify to be respectable, and Entitled to credit, and who being by me duly Sworn, Say that, they were present, and Saw Sarah Mays ~~Sign her N~~ [make her mark written on top of marked through words] to the foregoing declaration and they further Swear, that they have Every reason, to believe from the appearance of the applicant, and their acquaintance with her, that, She is the identical person She represents hereby to be: and they further Swear that, they have no interest in the prosecution of the Claim.

*[NOTE: the initial "M" appears to have been added later].

Witnesses Signatures. Wm Mays
Robert J Mays

Sworn to, and Subscribed before me this 17th day of November A. D. 1865 -
and I hereby Certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution
of this claim,

P. C. McCowat, Clerk

“I, Sarah Mays do Solemnly Swear in the presence of Almighty God, that, I,
will hereforth faithfully support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the
United States, and the union of the States [unable to read this word]; that, I, will
in like manner abide by, and faithfully support all laws and proclamations
which have been made during the Existing rebellion with reference to the
Emancipation of Slaves: So help me God.”

Sarah (her X mark) Mays

Sworn to a Subscribed
before Me, this 14th
day of November, 1865

P. C. McCowat, Clerk

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Act 3rd June 1858

[“Louisville” written diagonally]

Restoration

Brief in the case of Sarah Mays Widow of Jesse. Priv of the Tenn Mil. &
Inscribed on the Jackson Rolls at \$3.50 per Month & paid to March 4, 1861.

P O Madison Co Tenn

Declaration and Identification in due form

a 89 year old:

Old certificate Surrendered

Admitted to Pension Dec 19. 1865 at \$3.50 per Mo. Commencing March 4,
1861 & terminating Aug, 15. 1861 Also a Second Certificate Commencing
Nov 24, 1865 at the rate of \$3.30

W. E. Trask Examining Clerk

Horatio King

Present

Restoration
No. 627
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
WIDOW'S CLAIM.

I certify that Sarah Mays widow of Jesse who was a Private of the Tennessee Militia in the service of the United States, is entitled, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1858, to receive pay at the rate of Three dollars and fifty cents per month, to commence on the Fourth day of March, 1861, and to End, ~~to continue during life, unless she should again marry, in which case the pension is not payable after the date of such marriage.~~ August 15. 1861

Given at the Department of Interior,
this Twenty first day
of December one thousand
eight hundred and Sixty five.
W. T. Otto
acting Secretary of the interior.

Countersigned:
Joseph H. Barrett
Commissioner of Pensions.

627 Restoration & ReIssue
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WIDOW'S CLAIM.

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Given at the Department of the Interior,
this Twenty third day
of April one thousand
eight hundred and Sixty Six

W. R. Otto
acting SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

COUNTERSIGNED,
Joseph H. Barrett
Commissioner of Pensions.

APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER

State of Tennessee
County of Madison

On this 22d day of April, 1867, before me, a Justice of the Peace for Said County & State personally appeared Sarah Mays , a resident of Madison County Tennessee &, who, being duly sworn, declareth that She is the same person whose name was placed, on the 23 day of April, 1866, upon the list of Widow's restored Pensions, at the rate of three dollars & fifty cents per month, from the Fourth day of March, 1861

That said Sarah Mays was last paid at the Jackson Tennessee [the words "in Lou Ky" written diagonally] Pension Agency at Jackson Tennessee to the 4th day of March, 1861, inclusive, but now desires and applies for the payment of said pension at, and the transfer of her name to the roll of the Widow's Pensions at Pension Agency at Nashville, Tennessee.

Sarah (her X mark) Mays
Sworn and subscribed to before me,
the day and year aforesaid,
L Day
Justice of the Peace
for Madison County Tenn.

EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY

STATE of Tennessee, County of Madison, SS.
I Lemuel Day Justice of the Peace, in the county above named, do hereby certify that I have the most satisfactory evidence,* viz:
as the Pensioner is & has for a long number of years been personally Known to me [last two words crossed out], that She is truly the person named in Said Pension certificate; and I hereby certify that Sarah Mays, who has this day appeared before me to take the oath of identity, is the identical person named in the pension certificate, which she has exhibited before me, numbered 627, and bearing date at the Department of the Interior on the 23 day of April, 1866, and signed by W. T. Otts[?], acting Secretary of Interior, & Jos. H. Barrett Commissioner of Pensions.

GIVEN under my hand at Spring Creek Tennessee this 22 day of April, 1867.

Lemuel Day

Justice of the Peace for Madison Co. Tennessee

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*Here state what the evidence is - whether personal knowledge, or the affidavits of respectable persons, giving their names.

Appln for Transfer

Sarah Mays

Widow of

Jesse MAYS

Tenn Militia

Cert No. 627

[stamp reads:

“Department of the Interior

Pension Office

May 6, [1867]

[Written diagonally:(Land 6?? or possibly Sarah??)]

Horatio King

Atty

Addition Proof in the matter
of Sarah Mays _ Pensioner

State of Tennessee

Madison County

Be it known, that on this 28 day of October 1867 came Sarah Mays, widow, before me Lemuel Day an Acting Justice of the Peace in & for Said County, who being first by me duly Sworn upon the Holy Evangelist does Say:
That she is the verifiable widow of Jesse Mays, who has long Since been dead; that she is now the widow of Said Jesse Mays & has never married Since his death: that she has always been loyal to the Government of the United States; that she has never borne arms against Said Government or given aid, council or encouragement to the enemies thereof in any measure or mode

Sworn to & Subscribed Sarah (her X mark) Mays
before me this 28 day of Oct 1867

L. Day

J. P. for Madison County

Tennessee

State of Tennessee County of Madison

On this 29th day of Oct, 1867 before me the undersigned

Lemuel Day an acting & duly commissioned Justice of the Peace in & for Said County, this day came J. W. Lewis & J.L. Brown to me well and personally known, whom I believe to be credible witnesses; who being first by me duly Sworn; do Say:

That they are well acquainted with Mrs. Sarah Mays the affiant herein & applicant for pension & that they believe the statements made by her to be true: that she is the widow of the late Jesse Mays & still remains a widow; that She has ever been loyal to the United States Fovernment & hasnever borne arms against the Same: That [are?] knowledge of the facts deposed to by us, is [denied?] from this [Service?], viz: that we reside very near her residence; know her well & that she is an old, feeble woman, incapable if she had the desire, to do any act to militate against the Government; and that we have no interest whatever in the prosecution of the claim by her, either directly or indirectly: that she is old, infirm, feeble & necessitous & stands in need of the amount due her.

Sworn to & Subscribed
before me day & date
above.

J.W.Lewis
J. L. Brown

L. Day

J.P. for Madison Co.
Tennessee

The State of Tennessee, Madison County.

To James W. Lewis, citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that Sarah Mays has died, leaving no Will, and the Court, being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by Law, and the Court having ordered that letters of Administration be issued to you:

THESE ARE THEREFORE to authorize and empower you to take unto your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims, and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate, which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness: P. C. McCowat, Clerk of said Court, at office, this 1st day of March, 1869, and 92d year of American Independence.

P. C. McCowat, Clerk

State of Tennessee

Madison County

Personally appeared before me P.C. McCowat clerk of the County Court in and for Said County and State, James W. Lewis administrator of the goods & chattels, rights and credits of Mrs. Sarah Mays, widow, decd who does depose, after being duly Sworn, & Says: that Mrs. Sarah Mays, a widow, who heretofore, by attorney, applied to the Pension office for her restoration to the Roll of Pensioners, & who resided in Madison County Tennessee, departed this life in Said County about the [[19th] day of January 1868, intestate & a widow, that affiant qualified in Said County Court of Madison County Tennessee at its March term 1869 [these words inserted with caret: "as her admr"] and files herewith copy of his letters of administration.

Affiant now desires that all arrears of Pensions, incident to the restoration of his intestate, to the Pension Roll, be paid to & he does hereby nominate and appoint Horatio King, Esquire, of the city of Washington to act in his behalf & does hereby authorize him to receive from & receipt to the proper officer for any payment [a draft?], which may be due or issued to him as such admr in this behalf.

this 29th June 1869

James W. Lewis
adm of Mrs. Sarah Mays, deceased

Sworn to & subscribed before me
& I hereunto set my hand
& affix my official Seal
of office at Jackson, Tennessee
on this 29th June 1869
P. C. McCowat,
Clerk

And I further Certify that I have
no interest, direct or indirect, in the
prosecution of this claim.
Given under my hand and the
seal of said Court, at office,
this 29th June, 1869
P. C. McCowat, Clk
Madison County Court

State of Tennessee
Madison County

I, P. C. McCowat, Clerk of the County Court of Said County, do hereby Certify
that the within is a true copy of the Letters of Administration granted by this
Court at its March Term, 1869, to James W. Lewis --?-- the estate of Sarah
Mays, Decd.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, at office, in Jackson, this
29th day of June, 1869.

P. C. McCowat, Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PENSION OFFICE.

Washington, D.C. Oct 8 1869

Sir:

In the claim of the Adm. of Mrs. Sarah Mays for arrears of Pension, it is
necessary that

exact date of her death be shown by [--?--] __ _ It is also necessary to furnish the names and residences of all her heirs with proof of loyalty as required by [printed form?] instructions. If any of her heirs have been disloyal [estimated five words written above the line, unable to read] the fact should be stated & then names given.

Hon. Horatio King
Present

Cert. 627 - Restoration & ReIssue,
James W. Lewis Admr Estate
Sarah Mays, widow of Jesse Mays.
Tennessee Militia
Please state condition
Horatio King
[Jr?] Cyrus s. King

[NOTE: Several what appear to be initials have been written on this paper, one with a note saying, "Not on my desk"].

Claim for
Accrued Pension
James W. Lewis
Admr Estate
Sarah Mays

Pen. Cert. 627
"Restoration & ReIssue"
"Stricken"[written diagonally]

Mr. Trask
A Stricken
46

Horatio King,
Atty.

United States of America
State of Tennessee
Perry County

Be it known, that before me, a justice of the Peace, duly authorized, by law, to administer oaths, personally appeared Sarah Mays, and made oath in due form of law, that she is the identical person who drew a pension on account of her husband dieing[sic] of a disease he contracted in Service, that She drew at the rate of \$48.00 per annum for five years, at Nashville, in the state of Tennessee, and she now makes this affidavit for the purpose of obtaining the pension money due her under the act of July 4th, 1836, "granting half pay to widows and orphans where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the Military Service of the United States in certain cases, and for other purposes," Also the act of July 21st, 1848, and for the purpose of being placed on the pension Act under the act of February 3rd 1853, and drawing the _?_[arrearage?] of said acts that she has not intermarried, but continues to be a widow, that she now resides in Perry County in the state of Tennessee and has resided there for the space of thirty years past, and that previous thereto she resided in Maury County, in the State of Tennessee

~~Sworn to and subs~~

Sarah (her X mark) Mays

Sworn to and subscribed this nineteenth day of November 1853. In presence of

Joseph Brown and David Mays Before me.

I certify that the above named affiant is personally known to me, and I believe that she is the same individual who drew a pension as stated, and that she is still a widow.

A. F. Wiley (seal)

J. P. for Perry County

State of Tennessee,

County of Perry,

On this nineteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty three personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, within and for the county and state of aforesaid, William Mays, a resident of Decatur County in the State of Tennessee, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he visited Nashville, in the State of Tennessee, in company with his mother Sarah Mays for the purpose of drawing her pension, which was granted her on account of his father having died of a disease contracted whilst in the Military service of the United States in the year A. D. 1815. He further declares that his Mother Sarah Mays has remained a widow since the death of his father Jesse Mays.

Wm Mays [signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

A. F. Wiley (JP)

State of Tennessee

Perry County

I Pleasant Whitwell Clerk of the Said County Court do hereby Certify that A. F. Wiley whose name is officially assigned as Justice of the Peace for Perry County is Genuine duly Commissioned and qualified as Such and acting in good faith at the date of his signature and all his official acts are entitled to full credit Witness Given under my hand and Seal of office this 26 November A D 1853

P Whitwell Clk

By R M Thomas D C-?

No 920

Third Auditors Office

Treasury Department

January 5th 1854

Sir

Jesse Mays died in service 19th March 1815. His Widow

(Sally) received Half pay pension under the Act of 16 April 1816, at the rate of 4\$. per month.

She was paid by the Agent of the State of Tennessee whose [accts?] were settled in the Second auditors Office (For 1st payment by Agent see settlement 30 March 1819.

Respectfully

Your obt Servt

F. Burt

Third auditor

Com of Pension

Dept of the Interior

Half pay pension

WAR[C?]

Spring Creek May 19 1854

Hon S. P. [Waldo?]

Sir

Please find Something [pertaining?] to be a declaration for Sarah Mays widow of Jesse for five years half pay under Act of February 3rd 1853.

It was expected Sometime ago that the old lady would be able to appear before Court of record but Such was not the case and her friends attempted to prepare a declaration to be used before a Justice of the Peace and being fully Satisfied that it was all done in good faith we herewith transmit it - From what we learn about the old lady it is doubtful when She will ever be able to go to the Court house or not, as She resides Some fifteen miles from that place. _ It appears that they were unable to ascertain the number of the Regiment in which Mays performed Service. Her Land warrant lately issued viz on the 27th April 1854 [No.55490?] states that he was a private in Captain Jackson's company Tennessee Militia war 1812. This Same Sarah Mays received 5 years half [pay] under act of April 16th 1816, and the Department has already been refered[sic] to the papers on file As to her present identification, [?] we respectfully invite attention to her informal declaration and accompanying papers Sent w/ and filed in November 1853.

Very respectfully

Z. Jayne

for

Geo. W. Talbot.

Brief in the case of Sarah Mays widow of Jesse Mays deceased
Perry County and State of Tennessee
act Feb 3rd 1853. Section 1st

Claim, ("original," or "for increase.")

Proof exhibited, (if original.)

Is it documentary, or supported by rolls? If either, state the substance.
Service and death in service March 19. 1815 - also that widow was a half pay pensioner under the act of 16 April 1816 - are proved by the Rolls - See 3rd Auditor's report January 5. 1854 Marriage is proved in former declaration - continued widowhood is certified by the subscribing Justices and also by [paid?] testimony of a credible witness properly certified.

(If for increase.)

Has additional evidence been filed since the admission of the claim? If so, what?

[Allo?] Five years half pay at the rate of Three dollars and fifty cents (\$3 50/100) per month from Feb 3d 1853 - the date of the passage of the act.

Name and residence of Agent
Geo W. Talbot Esq
Spring Creek
Madison Co Tenn.

James E. Stewart
June 7/54
Examining Clerk.

State of Tennessee
County of Madison

On this 22nd day of September A. D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty eight personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County and state aforesaid, Sarah Mays, a resident of the Said County of Madison in the state of Tennessee, aged nearly eight three 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 provision, made by the law of the United States passed the 3rd of June 1858; that She is the widow of Jesse Mays deceased, who was a private, in Captain Jackson's Company Tennessee Militia war of 1812, - that She lately drew a pension for five years, under "Act" of February 3rd 1853, at the rate of three dollars and fifty cents per month, and which was paid at Jackson Tennessee, and commenced on the Said 3rd February 1853, and terminated on the 3rd February 1858. That she now resides in the aforesaid County of Madison in the State of Tennessee, and has

resided there since the 25th day of December 1856, And that, Spring Creek, Madison County, Tennessee, is her Post office address.

She requests that her certificate of pension under the aforesaid act of June 3rd 1858 may be forwarded to the address of her friend Z. Jayne at Spring Creek, Madison County, Tennessee.

She further States that She is now

a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proofs hereto annexed.
Sarah (her X mark) Mays

We William Mays and Thomas J. Mays residents of the County of Madison in the State of Tennessee, upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was Signed, and acknowledged by Sarah Mays in our presence, and that from long and intimate acquaintance with her we are certain She is the identical person She represents herself to be, and that She is a widow at the present time. Affiants further State that they have been in her company much of the time Since their earliest recollection, and know that She is the identical person who lately drew a pension, and was paid at Jackson Tennessee and that they have no pecuniary interest in this claim.

W. Mays [signature]

Thomas J. Mays [signature]

The foregoing declaration and affidavit was sworn to and Subscribed before me on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons, that the claimant is the person She represents herself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim. And that the word "appeared" in the Said declaration was interlined previous to assignment

R..M..Mason JP

State of Tennessee
Madison County

I Thomas W. Gamewell

Clerk of The County court of Said County do hereby Certify that R M Mason whose foregoing genuine Signature Appears to the foregoing Affidavit to the within Declarations is And Was at the time of Signing the Same An Acting Justice of the Peace in and for Said County duly elected Commissioned & Sworn. And that I am in no way interested in obtaining Said Claim.

Given under my hand and
Seal of Office at Jackson
this September 28th 1858
Thos W. Gamewell clk

Sarah Mays
wid
Jesse
Private
Tenn Mila
War 1812
Tenn

[?Act] of June 3, 1858
allowance Nov 11 1858
at \$3.50 per month
--?-- Feby 4 1858
Stewart

Brief in the case of Sarah Mays widow of Jesse Mays decd
Madison County and State of Tennessee

Sec 1 act June 3. 1858

Claim, ("original," or "for increase.") Renewal
Proof exhibited, (if original.)

Is it documentary, traditionary, or supported by rolls? Is either, state the substance.

Claimant as the widow of Jesse Mays decd - Private Tenn Mila War 1812 - was pensioned under the 1st Sec of the Act of Feby 3_1853- at the rate of \$3 50/100 per month. Pension expired Feby 3 1858. Widowhood and identity are fully established.

(If for increase.)

Has additional evidence been filed since the admission of the claim? If so, what?

Allowed November 11 1858 at \$3.50 per month for Feby 4 1858.

Z. Jayne Esq

Name and residence of Agent

J. E. Stewart

Spring Creek
Tenn.

Examining Clerk.

[Written diagonally, lower left to upper right: [---?--] due
in this certificate from 3rd Feby 1858 to 3rd September
1858 inclusive perTennessee Office certification \$24.00]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

WIDOW'S CLAIM.

I certify that Sarah Mays, widow of Jesse Mays, who was a private in the Tennessee Militia, in the service of the United States, is entitled under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1858 to receive pay at the rate of three dollars and fifty cents per month, to commence on the third day of February, 1858, and to continue during life, unless she shall again marry, in which case the pension is not payable after the date of such marriage.

Given at the Department of the interior
this thirteenth day of
November, one thousand
eight hundred and fifty-eight.

J. Thompson
Secretary of the Interior.

COUNTERSIGNED,

[Jno C. Whitney?]
Commissioner of Pensions.

DEPARTMENT
OF THE
INTERIOR
Nov 24 1865
PENSION OFFICE
[Stamp]

Respectfully pre-

sented to the Hon
J. H. Barrett, Comm
of Pensions by
Horatio King
Atty
24 Nov '65

Washington, Apl 16. 1866.

Sir:

Herewith please find the two pension certificates, No. 627, which you delivered through me about the 21st of Dec. last, for Mrs. Sarah Mays, of Tennessee. Please send me a complete certificate to take their place.

Yours, very resply,
Horatio King,
Atty

Hon. J. H. Barrett,
Comr of Pensions.

Restoration
No. 627
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
WIDOW'S CLAIM.

I certify that Sarah Mays widow of Jesse who was a Private of the Tennessee Militia in the service of the United States, is entitled, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1858, to receive pay at the rate of Three dollars and fifty cents per month, to commence on the Twenty fourth day of November, 1865, and to continue during life, unless she should again marry, in which case the pension is not payable after the date of such marriage.

Given at the Department of Interior,
this Twenty first day
of December one thousand
eight hundred and Sixty five.

W. T. Otto
acting Secretary of the interior.

Countersigned:

Joseph H. Barrett
Commissioner of Pensions.

627

Act 3rd June 1858

Louisville [written diagonally]

Restoration

Brief in the case of Sarah Mays Widow of Jesse. Priv of the Tenn Mil. & Inscribed on the Louisville Rolls at \$3.50 per Mo. Admitted to --?-- of Pension Dec 21. 1865. Certificates --?-- for correction - to conform to the decision[?] of the Atty. General -

P O Madison C. Tenn

A new certificate will --?-- in lieu of these[?] dated Dec 21. 1865. Surrendered.

Admitted April 20. 1866. to a pension of \$3.60 per Mo. Commencing March 4, 1861 deducting payment made - if any & on Surrendered Certificates

Horatio King
Present

W. E. Trask
Examining Clerk

[NOTE: paper is folded in thirds. Possibly King asked McCowat to verify Lemuel Day as an officer of the court.]

[Stamped]:

Department of the Interior

May 6, 1868

Pension Office

[in manuscript] 627

Sarah Mays

App for transfer

from Louisv. Ky

to Nashville Tenn

M. 61 Rsf May 9/64

See -?- RSF “ 17/ “

May 26/67

Held up for further
evidence

Filed by Horatio King
Washington DC

[printed] The official character and signature of the person before whom the affidavit is made, must be certified by the proper officer, under his seal of office.

When the fact is personally known to the agent, he is permitted to certify to the official character of a magistrate, and will be held responsible for it.

[in manuscript]

State of Tennessee

Madison County

I Philip C. McCowat clerk of the County court of the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Lemuel Day is a Justice of the Peace duly commissioned and qualified; that his commission was dated on the 9th day of April 1866 and will expire on the 9th day of April 1872 and that his signature within written is genuine.

.Given under my hand & seal of Said County at office in Jackson, Tennessee this 1st day of May 1867.

P. C. McCowat Clerk

Washington May 6, 1867.

Sir:

Enclosed I hand you "Application for Transfer" of Pen. cert. No. 627, in favor[?] of Sarah Mays, from Louisville, Ky to Nashville Tennessee, Agency, for payment.

Very respectfully,

Horatio King

J.[?] C. S. King

Hon. J. H. Barrett

Comr Pensions.

Pension Office

Jany 4. 1868

Sir:

Mrs. Sarah Mays [word crossed out, unable to read] never was restored to the pension rolls without his having c[torn page - complied?] with the rules [three words crossed out] by -?- -?- -?- being proof of loyalty or Widowhood. - She also signs by making her mark - the clerk does not certify that the Contents

of the paper he signed was made known

On rec of proper proof of loyalty or Widow the --?-- pension will be --?--.
Hon. Horatio king

OATH PRESCRIBED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED
JULY 2, 1862

County of Madison)
State of Tennessee) ss.

I, James W. Lewis of Spring Creek in the county of Madison and State of Tennessee do solemnly Swear that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power, or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto. And I do further ___ [left blank] that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

James W. Lewis

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 29th day of June, 1869.

P. C. McCowat, Clerk
County Court

State of Tennessee
Madison County

Personally appeared before me P.C. McCowat clerk of the County Court in and for Said County and State, James W. Lewis administrator of the goods & chattels, rights and credits of Mrs. Sarah Mays, widow, decd who does depose, after being duly Sworn, & Says: that Mrs. Sarah Mays, a widow, who heretofore, by attorney, applied to the Pension office for her restoration to the Roll of Pensioners, & who resided in Madison County Tennessee, departed this life in Said County about the [[19th] day of January 1868, intestate & a widow, that affiant qualified in Said County Court of Madison County Tennessee at its March term 1869 [these words inserted with caret: “as her admr”] and files

herewith copy of his letters of administration.

Affiant now desires that all arrears of Pensions, incident to the restoration of his intestate, to the Pension Roll, be paid to & he does hereby nominate and appoint Horatio King, Esquire, of the city of Washington to act in his behalf & does hereby authorize him to receive from & receipt to the proper officer for any payment [a draft?], which may be due or issued to him as such admr in this behalf.

this 29th June 1869

James W. Lewis
adm of Mrs. Sarah Mays, deceased

Sworn to & subscribed before me
& I hereunto set my hand
& affix my official Seal
of office at Jackson, Tennessee
on this 29th June 1869
P. C. McCowat,
Clerk

And I further Certify that I have
no interest, direct or indirect, in the
prosecution of this claim.
Given under my hand and the
seal of said Court, at office,
this 29th June, 1869
P. C. McCowat, Clk
Madison County Court

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PENSION OFFICE.

Washington, D.C. Oct 7 1869

Sir:

In the claim of the Adm. of Mrs. Sarah Mays for arrears of Pension, it is necessary that exact date of her death be shown. It is also necessary to furnish the names and residences of all her heirs with proof of loyalty, as required in [printed form?] and instructions. If any of her heirs have been disloyal or gave aid to the rebel cause, the fact should be stated and names given.

Respectfully

Hon. Horatio King
Present

[unable to decipher signature]
Commissioner

[WET.R9?]

War of 1812
Tennessee Ma.
WIDOW, &c.
No. 9924
Sarah Mayes
Wid
Jesse Mays
Priv Tenn Mil

Act: June 3d 1858
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"[Arrangement of 1870.]"

Department of the Interior, Pension Office, Jan 22 1870[stamp]

Additional proof as to loyalty & as to the heirs of Sarah Mays deceased, a Pensioner asking for restoration and back pay, residing at the time of her death in Madison County Tennessee:

State of Tennessee

Madison County

Personally appeared before me Wm. P. [Bond?] Judge of the 14th Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee presiding in court at Jackson for the County & State aforesaid, & which Said County is one of the Counties comprising Said 14th Judicial Circuit, & which Said Court if one of record, James W. Lewis, admr of the estate of Sarah Mays decd late a resident of Said County, who being first duly sworn, declares that Said Sarah Mays, who was an applicant in her life time for restoration to the Roll of Pensioners of the United States, died intestate in Said County on the 19th January 1868; that affiant qualified as her administrator in the County Court of Madison County at the March Term 1869 thereof, gave bond & letters of administration duly granted him - copies of which have heretofore accompanied his former application in this case. Affiant now further on oath states that Said widow Sarah Mays died

leaving (8) Eight distributive portions of her estate to be inherited by children and by grandchildren, whose place of domicil[e] & status are herein after set forth as accurately as affiant is able to do from the information & knowledge he has of the family.

1st. Her Son Abram Mays resides in Decatur County Tennessee & was as affiant has been informed, a consistent Union man throughout the late rebellion.

2d. Her Son William Mays resides in Madison Co. Tennessee & was also a consistent Union man during the war & gave no aid nor assistance to the rebel cause.

3d. Mrs. Ruth Ward a widowed Daughter of Mrs. S. Mays lived in Perry County Tenn & her sons who were then old enough for the [war] were in the Federal Army as Soldiers during the War.

4h. The children of Thos Mays (a son of Mrs. S. Mays) reside in Scott Co. Arkansas; Several of the boys who were old enough, affiant learns, were in the Federal Service as Soldiers during the war;

5h. Judy Hix[?] a Daughter of Sarah Mays; her

husband died before the War; she is now dead & has left several small children, and one or two grown ones; whether any of these were engaged in the war, affiant does not know - they reside in Obion Co. Tenn.

6h Rev. Basil Brown & wife Mary - a daughter of Mrs. Mays; Mr. Brown resides in Gibson Co Tennessee & took no part in the war & is a minister of the Gospel.

7h David Mays a Son, died in 1862 in Madison left 3 very Small children & one or two of age: one of both of these were Soldiers in the Confederate Service . . Some reside in Madison Co. & Some have removed to Ark?[this appears to be a question mark].

8h Jas. Brown & wife Milly, a Daughter of Mrs. Mays reside in Texas; he is an elderly man & took no part in the war as far as affiant can learn.

Oath of allegiance

I, James W. Lewis admr of Sarah Mays' decd do solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect & defend the Constitution of the United States, & the Union of the States thereunder, that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully support all laws & proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of Slaves.

So help me God

J. W. Lewis

Sworn to & subscribed
before me this 17 day
of January 1870
W. P. Bond
Judge

State of Tennessee
Madison County

This day also personally appeared before me Wm. P. Bond Judge & I Lemuel Day & R. M. Mason this credible witnesses to one well known, who being first duly Sworn, declare that they were well acquainted with Mrs. Sarah Mays in her life time & that she died about the time stated in the affidavit of J. W. Lewis, attached hereto, that [as to?] her death in January 1868 she was a very old, feeble & infirm woman; took no part in the late war & was so far as we have any knowledge, of undoubted loyalty to the United States; that our knowledge is obtained from the fact of residing very near her in Madison Co.

Tennessee & therefore we had good opportunities

of knowing what we have stated. we further on oath declare, that as far as our knowledge extends, we believe the statements of J. W. Lewis as to names of her heirs, residence, and political status to be as he has states: And that we have no interest whatever in this claim.

L. Day
R M Mason

Sworn to & subscribed
before me this 17th day of
January 1870 & I further
certify that i have no interest
whatever in this claim.

W P Bond
Judge
Judge of the 14th Judicial
Circuit of the State of Tenn

State of Tennessee
Madison County

I Sion W. Boon clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County Tennessee, which is a court of record & one of the counties comprising the 14th Judicial Circuit of Tennessee, certify that Wm P. Bond, whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing, is now, & was at the time of Signing the Same, the duly elected, qualified & commissioned Judge of Said 14th Judicial Circuit of Tenn. & by law authorized to hold said court: & that all his official acts as such, are entitled to full faith

and credit.

In witness whereof I hereto
sign my name & affix the
Seal of Said Court at office
in Jackson Tenn. on this 17th
January 1870.
Sion W. Boon clk

[Written at 90° angle at the bottom of page]:
Additional Proof
as to Loyalty & [?]
Application of admr
of Sarah Mays'
adm. r.
Arrears of Pension & [?]

Payment to be made
at Louisville Ky
by E F Gallagher
Agent for paying pensioners,
in the Agency of
Louisville
Ky

JW Lewis,
Admr.
Spring Creek

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For more information see Pensions records of Sarah Sally Smith Mays

