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Virginia documents pertaining to Joseph Davis VAS3299
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I Duke Fauntleroy of the County of Lancaster & State of Virginia aged ninety four do hereby certify that I well recollect Joseph Davis of the County of Northumberland Va. & that he enlisted in the regular Service about the commencement of the revolutionary war, I think in 1776 under Capt Thomas Gaskins [BLWt867-450] The said Joseph never returned & I believe he was killed or died in service. Given under my hand this 4th day of July 1834. Duke hisXmark Fauntleroy

To His Excellency the Governor of Virginia

The memorial of Rich'd Davis of the County of Lancaster humbly represents that he is the only heir at law of Joseph Davis who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War. Joseph Davis was the only son of John Davis of North'd. County & the said John was the brother of your memorialist's father. He died leaving no other child but Joseph & your memorialists father died leaving no other child but your memorialist. Your memorialist is informed from the best information he can obtain & from the evidence of a living witness herewith enclosed that the said Joseph Davis enlisted into the regular service During the Revolutionary war about the year 1776 under a certain Capt. Thomas Gaskins of North'd. County Va. & that said Joseph was either killed or died in service about the Close of the war, or soon thereafter, as he never returned & your memorialist thinks it was the report by others from the County who lived with him, that he died on his way home Given under his hand this 18th Novr. 1834.

[signed] Rich'd Davis

Upon the Petition of the heir of Joseph Davis soldier of the Continental line, for bounty land. The Petitioner has fil'd his own statement on oath and the affidavit of Duke Fauntleroy, in support of his claim. They both say, that Joseph Davis enlisted in the regular service about the commencement of the revolutionary war, in the year 1776 as they suppose, under Captain Thomas Gaskins. neither the Petitioner, nor the witness, states the term of enlistment. Duke Fauntleroy says that Joseph Davis never return'd home after the war, and (as he believes, was kill'd, or died, in the service.

The name of Joseph Davis occurs twice on the army Register of the Continental Line. A certificate for £56.6.8 the bal. of his pay as a Soldier of Infantry, was deliver'd to Lewis Ford, July 18 1783.

Joseph Davis a soldier of Cavalry had a certificate issued for £17.1. the bal. of his pay, May 1784 which certificate was deliver'd to Carter Harrison Jun'r.

I have in my possession no other evidence or documents, in relation to this claim.

No proof whatever has been offer'd, or exists, so far as I know, of the term of enlistment of Joseph Davis: and I respectfully suggest, that the claim ought not to be allow'd

To his Excellency/ Gov. Tazewell

John H. Smith Com'r &c/ 29th Nov'r 1834