

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Enoch Davis R13582

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State of Indiana Washington County: Washington County Probate Court October Term 1834

On this 17th day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Peck the Judge thereof now sitting it being a Court of Record Enoch Davis a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 94 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 provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina about the month of October 1778 as Capt. of a company of drafted militia man the men composing the said Company were taken from Chatham, Guilford, Orange & Rowan Counties and rendezvoused at Salisbury North Carolina, at which place the Deponent took the command as Capt. -- that there were eight or 10 companies then assembled at Salisbury; -- that the company to which this declarant commanded as such Capt. along to the Regiment of Col. Paisley, which were under command of General Rutherford; that he marched with the Army to Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and there General Rutherford sent him back to Guilford to raise more men if possible, that with all his exertions he was not able to recruit but one man, with whom he marched in pursuit of the Army, and overtook them in the neighborhood of the Savannah River & there a stoned the command of his company, that he marched with his company through different places to Purrysburg, where they were stationed for most of the time during the winter, that in April 1779 the term of service for which this declarant's Company was drafted expired, and they were permitted to return home, -- This Declarant then went to Hillsboro & there drew the pay for his company from Capt. general Summers Pay master General. -- This declarant further states that 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 not less than six months as a Capt. as above stated --

He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service -- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency in any State --

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Enoch Davis

Interrogatories put to the Applicant by the Court as prescribed by the War Department with his Answers thereto --

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

A- I was born in Philadelphia the 14th day of February 1740 --

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

A- I have no record of my age at this time, there was such a Record in an old Bible of my Father, but has been lost or destroyed --

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?

A- in Guilford County NC when called into service, and since the Revolution I lived in the State of North Carolina, until the year 1831 when I moved to this County, where I have since resided & still reside.

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?

A -- By a draft of a portion of the militia as I have above stated --

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.

A -- In consequence of old age & the loss of memory, I cannot recollect the Regular Officers, Continental & Militia Regiments and the circumstances of services more particularly than I have stated above.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a Commission, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?

A --, I received a Commission of Capt. at Guilford some time previous to the time of my performing the service above mentioned, and held it at the time. I cannot be positive, by whom it was signed, said Commission I have long since lost -- A short time after I performed a tour of service above stated, I received a Commission of 2nd Major and shortly after that a Commission of 1st Major but I performed no services as Major -- these Commissions I have lost or destroyed --

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.

A -- Richard Richardson, Arthur Richardson, James Thomas, Daniel Sherwood, and I know of no clergyman living in the vicinity sufficiently acquainted with me can testify as to my age, & the reputation of my being a Revolutionary Soldier.

[Arthur Richardson and Johnson Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]