

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Davenport R2676 Ann Davenport VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia: Buckingham County to wit:

On this 18th day of June 1840, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Ann Davenport, a resident of said county and State, aged about 90 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 Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the Widow of Henry Davenport, late of Buckingham County, State of Virginia, who was a private in the Militia service of Virginia in the War of the Revolution. She declares, that her late husband in his life time, often stated that he was a soldier of the Revolution and served a considerable length of time, and suffered many hardships and privations. That in consequence of old age, bodily infirmity, and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot state precisely the particulars of his service, and therefore prefers to rely on the statment of old soldiers who served with him. She honestly believes that her husband served at the least Twelve months in the Revolution, for which length of time, she claims a pension. She knows he was that length of time, in service.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Henry Davenport on the 12th day of December 1770, by publication of banns in King William County, according to the rites and ceremonies of said Church. That her husband the said Henry Davenport, departed this life on the 9th day of December, 1791. That she has never intermarried since his death, but still continues the widow of said Henry Davenport. That she married said Henry Davenport before the last period of his service expired – as will more fully appear from accompanying evidence. Ann herXmark Davenport

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [4 Jan 1840]

I Thomas P. Franklin [pension application S8517] do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Henry Davenport, late of Buckingham County, in the War of the Revolution and know the fact, having served with him, that in 1781 or latter part of 1780 he was drafted in the Militia for three months under Capt McReynolds [Thomas McReynolds of Bedford County], and march'd to Portsmouth, Virginia, which term he served faithfully, for I was along with him in the same company, the whole time – That in the same year 1781 he was drafted again in the Militia, for three months, under Capt Cummings [possibly Alexander Cummins], and marched by way of Prince Edward Ct. House, and joined the main Army under [Gen. Robert] Lawson and Lafayette in Goochland County. He served this term, I know faithfully, for I was with him. He served also, I know in 1780, a tour of six months in the Militia under Capt. Herndon, and marched to the South, and was engaged as I understood in the battle of Camden in August [16th], 1780. I was not with him on this occasion, but recollect being present, when he marched, and that he did not return from the Army under six months. His widow is living in Buckingham County, and was married I know long before the commencement of the war, and that he was a married man, when in service with me. I am in the 78th year of my age, and a pensioner of the United States

Th's. P. hisXmark Franklin

NOTE: A family register written on the blank page after an Old Testament and continuing in the space on the previous page, is transcribed as follows:

Henry Davenport Sen'r Departed this Life Anno Domini on the 9th day of December 1791

Memorandum of the age of Children by his last Wife

Wilson Davenport Was born October 26th 1772

Mary Davenport was born May 9th 1773

Nancy Davenport was born June 8th 1777

Parmelea Davenport was born June 5th 1779

Ascanath Davenport was born January 20th 1782

Salley Davenport was born October 23rd 1788

Grey Tarry Deay

Frenis wdidy[?] Davenport was born August 6 181 [very faint]

Henry Davenport duncan was born August 6 1813 [very faint]

Ages of Negroes

Rose was born April the 20th 1783

Jack was born 20 august 1787

Nancy was born September 17th 1789

Dicy was born December 19th 1792

paton was born April 1 181[?] [very faint]

Sally Born August 25th 1816

Madison Born 27 of August 1816

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Dicey Was borne 19th of December 1792

William the son of Mary was bourn the 13th July 1825.

Mary[?] was bornd marCh the first 1807

Allen was December the 27 1809

Jane Was born October 8 1814

Frankey was Born 29th of January 1815

Lucy was born Jany 12th 1828