

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Davenport R2678

Comfort Davenport f14NC

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State of Kentucky Casey County }

On this fourth day of May 1853 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Thomas Davenport Senior who first being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath state that he is in his seventy seventh year since April last, and that he is the fourth child of William Davenport a Revolutionary Soldier, by his wife Comfort Davenport; That his father the said William Davenport enlisted in the militia service of the United States, about the commencement of the Revolutionary War, and continued in service during a great portion of the time during the whole War. He was employed to a great extent against the Tories, in defending that region from there depredations. He further states that he cannot certainly state the name of any of his officers, that he has often heard his father the said William Davenport speak of one Captain Thomas Poindexter,¹ a near neighbor of his, but whether he served under him he cannot say positively. He further states that his father always said he was in the Battle at Haw River,² and the Battle at King's Mountain,³ at which Governor Shelby [Isaac Shelby] distinguished himself. He further states that he went out one tour against the Indians but that the Indians fled and would not come to an engagement. He says that his father the said William Davenport always told him that the Whigs in that region were kept constantly organized and liable to be called out at any moment and was kept agoing so constantly that they never had time to raise a single crop. He further states that his Father the said William Davenport was married to his mother the said Comfort Davenport (judging from the ages of his older brothers and sisters) about the year 1770 in Accomack County in the State of Virginia, and that the said Comfort Davenport's name before marriage was Comfort Fisher. He further states that the said William Davenport, his father, died about the year 1823, and that his widow, the said Comfort Davenport, died the 30th of November in the year 1838, and that no application had ever been made to obtain a pension either for his father or mother before. He further states that he and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Clifton who now resides in the Macon County in the State of Illinois, are all the surviving children of his father & mother. He further states that his mother the said Comfort Davenport still remained the widow of the said William Davenport until the day of her death, having never married again. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress of the United States, passed & approved the seventh day of

¹ Surry County Regiment of the NC Militia

² Feb. 25, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_haw_river.html

³ Oct. 7, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

June 1836, or any other act or acts by which he may be entitled.

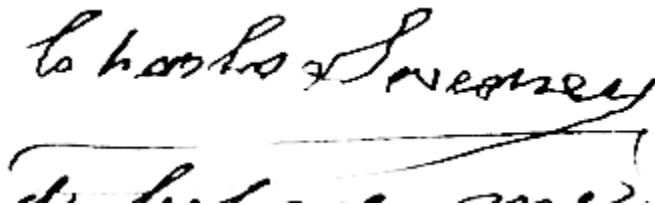
Attest S/ S. H. Stevenson

S/ Thomas Davenport, X his mark

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On this fourth day of May 1853 personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid, Charles Sweeney, who first being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath state that he is now in his eighty seventh year since the 26th day of August 1852, and that he was well acquainted with the aforesaid William Davenport & his wife Comfort Davenport from the time they came to this Country, about forty five years ago, as long as they live. He further states that he has often heard him speak of his services in the Revolutionary War; he thinks he served under Captain Thomas Poindexter, but he cannot say positively. He remembers hearing him speak often of his being in the Battle at King's Mountain which battle was under the command of Governor Shelby & General Campbell [William Campbell of Virginia]. He further states that he has frequently heard James Carson,⁴ a Revolutionary Pensioner in this County, and William McDaniel who were fellow soldiers of the aforesaid William Davenport in North Carolina and came from the same County (Surry) often speak of the services of the said William Davenport in the Revolutionary War. He says they always describe the said William Davenport as one of the truest Whigs during the whole war, and that if any fighting was to be done he was one to be at it certain. He further states he cannot say precisely when he entered the service, or how long he served, but from what he has heard them say, he has no doubt he (Davenport) was in the service several years, if not the most of the time during the continuance of the war. He further states that the aforesaid William Davenport and his wife Comfort Davenport, always lived together as man and wife, were very respectable people, and were always esteemed to be man & wife, and raised a large family of children. He further states that the said William Davenport must have been married to his wife Comfort Davenport, before the commencement of the War, as they had children nearly as old as he is, & he (Sweeney) was born in the year 1766. He says he knew three children older than the applicant Thomas Davenport, and that he is now 77. He further states that he has no interest whatever in the prosecution war result of the aforesaid claim.

S/ Charles Sweeney

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles Sweeney". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. Below the signature, there is a horizontal line that appears to be a signature strip or a separator line.

⁴ FPA S1183