

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Davidson R2692

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State of Tennessee, County of Hickman

On this 24th day of July A.D. 1851 personally appeared before me Alexander Piery a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Josiah Davidson aged 85 years a resident of Hickman County in the State of Tennessee who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the service of the United States in the war of 1776 with Captain Hodge [George Hodge] in the County of Orange State of North Carolina on or about the 15th day of January A.D. 1780 where he then resided, for the term of six months, he was put to drive a baggage wagon and went with the detachment of troops under General Maben [sic, Alexander Mebane or Robert Mebane?]¹ from Orange County to Guilford Court house and remained there with the train until the morning of the Battle and was taken from the train and put into line in Captain Hodge's Company the company was scattered on the 15th day of March 1780² which was the date of said battle and that he with many others retired home and was not called in the actual service any more. He says that he remained in the said State of North Carolina until after peace was made he moved from said State into the State of Kentucky and thence to the State of Tennessee where he now resides he received a certificate of discharge from General Maben which he lost when he was moving from North Carolina to the State of Kentucky and he further declares that there is no living witness in this State or any other in his knowledge that he can prove his Service by.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

S/ Josiah Davidson, X his mark

State of Tennessee, County of Hickman

On this 24th day of July A.D. 1851 personally came before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the said County and State Josiah Davidson who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that owing to his old age and bodily infirmity he is incapable of going before a court of record. And owing to his old age and loss of memory that he is incapable of stating the exact day that he entered the service but to the best of his recollection and belief he served as he stated and entered the service at or near the time he stated in his declaration.

S/ Josiah Davidson, X his mark

[Amos A. Alexander and Nathaniel Killam [or Killum] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1 There were several officers in the NC service by the name of Mebane, but none are listed in O'Kelley as having participated in the Battle of Guilford Court House other than Lt. Col. Robert Mabane. Alexander Mebane was a colonel in the Orange County, NC militia in 1781 but is not known to have been at the Battle of Guilford Court House.

2 Applicant appears to be describing the Battle of Guilford Court House which occurred on March 15, 1781.