

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Davidson R2696

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State of Tennessee Morgan County

On this 3rd day of November A.D. 1856 personally appeared James Davidson heir at law of William Davidson Deceased a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about seventy-six years who being first duly sworn according to law in open court for the County and State aforesaid by the Honorable Judge of said Court doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed seventh of June 1832 and other acts of Congress under which he may be entitled as heir at law aforesaid for a pension or Mondays do you the aforesaid William Davidson Deceased for which application has not been made during the natural life of the aforesaid William Davidson and the said James Davidson the son and heir at law aforesaid for the services rendered and Mondays do you for services by the said William Davidson Deceased as will more fully appear by referring to the certificate of the Comptroller of the State of North Carolina which is now on file in the pension office doth now make application and further state that my father the aforesaid William Davidson Deceased Died on the 15th day of April 1838 and that his wife my mother died on the __ day of May 1837 in Morgan County Tennessee and neither my father nor mother has ever made any application for a pension or Mondays you as aforesaid. And I certify further that the said William Davidson Deceased was formerly a resident of Buncombe County in the State of North Carolina previous to his residing in Morgan County Tennessee and that I am well known to the above facts and believe to be true and do hereby relinquish every claim as an heir of the said William Davidson Deceased but the present and that my name is not on any pension Roll of any Agency in the United States or in any State. Sworn under my hand and seal the day and date above mentioned.

S/ James Davidson

State of North Carolina

Comptroller's Department

I George W. Brooks Comptroller of the Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for military service in the Revolutionary War as follows --

William Davidson

Book No. 14, Page 100-	£55.16.0. Morgan District
" " 8 " 22	7.19.4 Salisbury do Feb. 1781
" " 23 " 9	57.0.0 Hillsboro Dist. as Major
" " 175 " 11	34.0.0
" " " " "	8.2.0

" " " "	12	131.9.2	
" A No. 15 "	16	11.10.0	Salisbury Dist.
H? " 2 "	39	210.0.0	
" " " "	40	19.12.0	
" " " "	48	98.0.0	
" " " "	77	938.15.0	Captain
J Large	3018	3.4.0	Hillsboro Dis. Militia
A "	4754	124.9.6	Capt. Self & Camp. Salisbury Dis.
" 40 Vol. 2			Lieut. Col. of the No. Caro. line ¹

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my Office at Raleigh this 29th May 1856

S/ George W. Brooks, Comptroller

¹ According to Lawrence E. Babits and Joshua B. Howard, authors of *"Fortitude and Forbearance" The North Carolina Continental Line in the Revolutionary War 1775-1783* (Raleigh, NC: Office of Archives and History: North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, 2004), there was only one officer named William Davidson who served in the North Carolina line, and that officer was William Lee Davidson who was killed at the Battle of Cowan's Ford on February 1, 1781 and obviously could not have been the ancestor of the man who filed this claim. Since the Comptroller's certificate list the recipient of at least this distribution as a Lt. Col. in the N.C. line, this disbursement must refer to William Lee Davidson who, according to the source noted above, at one time did hold the rank of Lt. Col. in the NC Line before being promoted to higher office. At the time of his death, Davidson held the rank of Brigadier General in the NC militia.