



nine months. He thinks said Fort was in what is now Wythe County Virginia. We had been stationed only a few days when the Shawnee Indians having stolen about 30 head of horses, this declarant was ordered to take command of 28 men including himself and scout the neighbourhood which was done, but the Indians not being overtaken, after pursuing them some distance this declarant returned with his command to said fort. Scouts were frequently marched out from said station in various directions. In this manner, in said fort and about it with fifteen days on a furlough to see his father he was employed untill about the end of his said engagement. He was employed constantly & laboriously when he was at the end of his time marched to Head Quarters in what he thinks is now Tazwell County Virginia and was there dismissed and received a written discharge James Taylor was the Lieutenant, and William Adams Ensign of said Company. During a short time of said nine months he acted as Sub Commissary weighing out rations &c. He served in said engagement at least nine months faithfully and to the satisfaction of his Officers. He was constantly in both said tours in an embodied corps called into service by competent authority in field or garrison and was not employed in any civil or other pursuit. In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War department he states: in Answer to the first. His friends inform him that he must have been born in the year 1767. he thinks himself a little later.

2<sup>d</sup> He never had any record of his age.

3<sup>f</sup> He was living as before mentioned when called into service in said tours in Wythe County Virginia; Since the Revolutionary War he has lived near thirty or upwards years in Wythe County Virginia, then twenty two years in Lee County in said state, then he removed to Monroe County Indiana where he has lived now upwards of four years, and now resides.

4<sup>th</sup> He was called into service in said first tour by a draft. He was called into service in said second tour by an enlistment and was in one sense of the word a volunteer.

5<sup>th</sup> He has no recollection of the names of any Officers besides those mentioned in the body of this his declaration except Joseph Kent said Commissary, who being an acquaintance, employed him as Subcommissary aforesaid.

6<sup>th</sup> He received a written discharge from Captain Robin Crocket and many years ago left it in the possession of Daniel Sheffy Esq'r of Virginia and the paymaster per said Sheffy paid him for his nine months service. He received no further pay for his said services He has no documentary evidence that he knows of, & knows of no person whose evidence he can procure of a personal knowledge of his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state

7<sup>th</sup> He is known to James Alexander Esq'r, Shff J B Lowe Esq'r. George Fritz, Hon Aquilla Rogers the Judge of this Court and others in the neighborhood who can testify to his veracity and reputation of having been a Revolutionary Soldier

He states that one of the Judges of the Court in Virginia advised him to apply for a pension, and finding upon examination that the Acts of Congress then in force did not embrace him, he never knew of the existence of the present act untill recently.

David hisXmark Davis

The said George Fritz states that he has known the said David Davis fifteen years, that he was well acquainted with George Britton of Virginia who was old enough from his appearance to have been and had notoriously the reputation of a revolutionary soldier and that in frequent conversations said Britton informed him that said Davis & him were in the service together and in the same mess, and that such was the reputation of said Davis in Virginia

[signed] George fritts

Bloomington July 3<sup>d</sup> 1835

Sir [James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions]

I do not wish to be considered troublesome (although such a charge would not be altogether unfounded) but the old gentleman for whom I am writing is very desirous of having a pension believing as he does that he is entitled to it he has a brother

by the name of John Davis of Georgia who is drawing and who informs him he is 71 or 2 years of age instead of 67 as he David Davis is 4 years younger than this brother John who is 75. The old gentleman desires me to say to you that he was discharged by Col Lewis instead of Capt Crockett that he Crockett only handed out the discharges to the soldiers he desires me to say that David Johnson of Virginia is cognizant of his services and is now drawing he wishes the Department to reconsider his case & if necessary write him what additional evidence is required in his case an answer to this may settle the matter with the old man finally (if even unfavourable) please write

Yours respectfully  
Paris[?] C. Dunning

NOTES: Men were not enrolled in the Virginia Militia until they reached age 16. Davis's case was suspended pending "further and more direct proof."