

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Davis R2714.5

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State of Georgia County of Lowndes

On this 31st day of May in the year 1853 personally appeared before me William H. Goldwire, Judge of Inferior Court of the County & State aforesaid duly authorized to administer oaths within the County & State aforesaid Isaac Carter Senior a resident of said County & State by right of his wife Elizabeth Carter formerly Elizabeth Davis daughter of Joshua Davis (now deceased) a revolutionary soldier who first 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 7 1832.

That he declarant is by right of his wife Elizabeth Carter formerly Elizabeth Davis the person legally entitled to claim the amount of pension due from the United States to said Joshua Davis; Said declarant says that Joshua Davis entered the service of the United States as a State Dragoon in the State of South Carolina in the latter part of the year 1779 that he entered a company commanded by Captain Orea [Daniel Horry] in the Regiment or Battalion commanded by General Francis Marion in the Revolutionary war declared by the United States against Great Britain, that said Joshua Davis continued in actual service in said war 12 months and was honorably discharged in the latter part of the year 1780. Declarant is not in possession of any written discharge or other positive testimony & consequently cannot state precisely the day he entered said service or the day of discharge, but the length of time said Davis served, was 12 months as this he is in possession of positive evidence. He is not able to state whether said Joshua Davis ever applied for a pension, but he is certain that this is the only claim under which he is entitled if at all. This declarant further states that from the evidence¹ in his possession there can be no doubt that said Davis performed the service described & for the length of time set forth to wit the term of 12 months, that he was regarded & considered by all who knew him to be a revolutionary soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity for or on account of said Joshua Davis except this & that the name of said Joshua Davis is not to be found on any agency in any State.

S/ Isaac Carter, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me and I do declare it as my opinion that the above named Joshua Davis was a revolutionary soldier and served as stated by the declarant Isaac Carter Senior.

S/ Wm H. Goldwire, Judge

¹ No such evidence is contained in this file.