

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Davis R2717

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State of Tennessee Scott County: Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836

On this 28th day of May 1851 personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace for said County Mrs. Elizabeth Davis a resident of said County aged 108 passed who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Joseph Davis who was a private in the regular service in the State of North Carolina in a company commanded by Captain Hadley. That her husband the aforesaid Joseph Davis entered the service as she thinks in the year 1782 for the term of eighteen months or two years and served to the close of the war of the revolution. She is confident that he served that length of time from his long absence from home. She does not at this time recollect the battles he was in. She further declares that she was married to her said husband the aforesaid Joseph Davis on the 20th day of August 1773 by publication the Reverend James Logan officiated in Orange County in the State of North Carolina she further declares that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Davis died in Greene County in the State of Tennessee on the 25th day of May 1811. She further declares that while living on the French Broad River in the state of Tennessee and in the absence of her husband and the rest of the family some malicious person or persons and their dwelling and destroyed their papers consisting of the family records and her husband's the aforesaid Joseph Davis discharge from the Revolutionary War the one half of which she kept for many years afterwards but is now lost the other half of the discharge being destroyed at the time the family records were destroyed consequently she has no documentary proof by which she can prove to the Department her marriage with her husband the aforesaid Joseph Davis and she is still a widow ever since his death as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Elizabeth Davis, X her mark

S/ Amos McDonald, JP

State of Tennessee County of Scott: County Court October Term 1854

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 4th of July 1836.

Be it known that at 8 Court held in and for Scott County Tennessee, on this the first Monday of September, it being the 2nd day of said month, Robert L. Davis, a resident of said County personally appeared in open Court and made oath to the following declaration; that he is one of the only surviving children of the late Joseph Davis, a reputed soldier in the war of the American Revolution, and Elizabeth Davis deceased, late widow of the said Joseph Davis. That he knows nothing personally of the services of his said father Joseph Davis, or of his

intermarriage with his mother, said Elizabeth Davis, but refers the Department to the papers on file in the Pension office for particulars in reference to them. Affiant further declares that said Elizabeth Davis, his mother, died on or about the 16th day of December in the year 1851 and that she left the following named only surviving children, Walter Davis, Rebecca Lewallen, Milly Lewallen and affiant in this declaration. Affiant would further declare that they had never has been and is not now a family record of the marriage of said Joseph Davis to his mother, Elizabeth Davis, or the ages of their children.

S/ Robert L. Davis, X his mark

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State of Tennessee County of Scott

On this 2nd day of April A.D. 1853, before the subscriber, an acting Justice of the Peace, in and for said County duly authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Mr. James Hardin, a resident of the County of Campbell and State aforesaid, aged eighty-nine years past, and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Joseph Davis who was a soldier in the War of the American Revolution. That he knew said Joseph Davis in the County of Burke in the State of North Carolina. That in the year A.D. 1779 the family of said Joseph Davis moved from South Carolina to Burke County North Carolina in company with the family of affiant's father, who settled in Mecklenburg County North Carolina. That in the year A.D. 1780, or 1781, affiant entered the service himself in a company of "scouts" commanded by Captain Conrad Hise of Mecklenburg County North Carolina and served a tour of 2 months and 3 weeks which was all the service performed by affiant in the "Revolutionary War," and that during the short expedition in which affiant was engaged, affiant was at a place where said Joseph Davis was in camp; and said Joseph Davis told him then that he was in Captain Joshua Hadley's company and Colonel Joseph McDonald's Regiment, and that he well remembers the conversation which he then had with said Joseph Davis in regard to their commanding officers, the prospects of the War and the fatigues they were then undergoing, and that he has since then been frequently in company with said Joseph Davis and conversed about the above circumstance. Affiant further declares that he was well acquainted with Elizabeth Davis, who was the widow of Joseph Davis and died in this, Scott County Tennessee in December A.D. 1851. That the affiant's own personal knowledge said Elizabeth and Joseph Davis were married and living together as man and wife during the service aforesaid of said Joseph Davis. Affiant further declares that he is old and infirm but he remembers the foregoing facts distinctly.

S/ James Hardin