

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Davis R2734

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State of Northcarolina } SS

Cleaveland [sic: Cleveland] County } On this sixteenth day of December one thousand hundred & fiftyseven [16 Dec 1857]. Personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now in Session (it being a Court of record) John Davis, a resident of Spartanburg District of S. Carolina aged 40 years. Who being first 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 entitled an act granting pay & Pensions to certain Officers & Soldiers of the line. That he is one of the heirs of John Davis, who enlisted in war of the revolution for five years or during the war, the late Pennsylvania line Cavalry 4th regiment. Under what Capt. or Col. he for the loss of memory cannot state. He further declares that he has often heard {his Father} the aforesaid John Davis say that he was in the battle of Bunker's hill [Bunker Hill, 17 Jun 1775], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Trenton [26 Dec 1776], he was with Washington when crossing the Delaware [26 Dec 1777], after serving {the length of time he cannot say} in the North, he was detached South under the command of {what officers he cannot say} He was engaged in the battle of Utaw Springs in S. Carolina [sic: Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep 1781], and served in S. Carolina under Col. [William] Washington as a dragoon. he served in North Carolina {the precise length of time he served as a dragoon he cannot say. He was wounded on the right hand in one of those battles while serving as a dragoon by the sword of a British dragoon, after he received said wound on the hand he entered the foot service and became a musician, & served in the above capacities to the end of the war, for which service the declarant claims a Pension. He further declares that as he understands {his Father the aforesaid John Davis was married to his wife Jane Davis in Rutherford County N. Carolina in the latter part of the year 1787 and he further declares that {his Father} the aforesaid John Davis died in Rutherford County N. Carolina March 31, 1833. Leaving {his Mother} a widow who died in Rutherford County N. Carolina, Novr. 12, 1849 and all the heirs that survive Jane Davis {the widow} are Chesley Davis, Frances Padgett. Phebe Parris, Polly McCraw, Jane Davis, F. [Feriba] Scruggs, S. [Sally] Sullan, [Rebecca] Robertson and myself applicant for a Pension for the above service Sworn to and Subscribed in open court, the day and date above John Davis

NOTE: The claim of John Davis, Jr. was apparently rejected for lack of proof of his father's service. On 16 Dec 1857 John Davis, Jr. wrote to the Pension Office explaining that he applied in Cleveland County NC because the nearest courthouse was in Shelby NC.