

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Davis R2745

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State of Tennessee, Hamilton County

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Hamilton County now sitting James Davis a resident of said County and state aforesaid, aged seventy one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on this oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he enter the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say, as a volunteer under Captain John Keys [John Kees] a militia Captain in Wilkes County North Carolina under whom he served three months in scouting, being at home a few days during said three months with leave of the Captain, he next entered the service under Capt. Smith as a ranger he believes in Burke County North Carolina and was posted except when ranging about five months, Capt. Smith was highest in command at this fort who discharged this applicant at the fort the name of the fort not recollected. This applicant next entered the service under Capt. Gordon [Alexander Gordon] in Wilkes County NC as a drafted man, having been classed and served under said Capt. Gordon and Lieutenant Witherspoon who marched the Waxhaw Creek where Col. Malbury [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] met us and took command of the Regiment and marched from Waxhaw Creek to the high hills of Santee where we joined headquarters under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] where the army lay some time and the British on the opposite side of the river. This applicant then marched with the army to the Eutaw springs and was engaged in the battle [September 8, 1781] at that place where General Greene commanded about the close of the battle this applicant recollects that he assisted in carrying out a Capt. Woolford¹ who was shot through the thigh and who soon afterwards died. This Capt. Woolford was of the Virginia line as this applicant understood. He understood him to be a Captain in the regular service at any rate; this applicant after the battle of Eutaw springs was marched as one of the guard over the prisoners to Camden and then to Salisbury in NC where this applicant was discharged by Col. Locke [Francis Locke]. This applicant knows he served three months this term, and thinks he served six months but will not be certain. This applicant soon after being discharged by Col. Locke volunteered under Capt. Pendleton Isbell [Pendleton Isbell] and marched under him down the Adkin [Yadkin] river to below the

¹ Applicant MIGHT be referring to Lt. William Woolford of the Maryland 2nd Regt. under Major Henry Hardman

shallow ford sixty or seventy miles from whence we returned without effecting any thing this expedition lasted about six weeks and this applicant was dismissed by Capt. Isbel.

This declarant further states that before the expedition to the Eutaw Springs he volunteered under Col. Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] in Wilkes County NC and served an expedition under him to Cryders Old fort in Burke County NC and perhaps twenty five or thirty miles further to Catawba River and down it and then returned home destroying the property of the Tories in our route by order of Col. Cleveland. He served this term about six weeks his Lieutenant's name was Jesse Coffee, his Captain's name he does not remember. This applicant was in several scouting parties during the Revolution about which he has no distinct recollection. He believes that during the Revolutionary War he actually served in all about thirteen or fourteen months, and was in but one general engagement at the Eutaw springs but was in several skirmishes at different times.

This applicant says he was born in Fauquier County in Virginia but has no record of his age. From the best accounts by his father and mother at the time of his marriage and the time since will make him seventy one years of age at this time. This applicant has stated where he was living when he entered the service, after the war he removed to Greene County in the state of Tennessee, where he resided about fourteen or fifteen years perhaps not so long - he moved from there to Knox County state aforesaid, where he resided between ten and fifteen years. He removed from there to Campbell County Tennessee and resided there about two years. He removed from there to White County Tennessee where he resided about twelve years. He then removed to Jackson County Alabama and resided there two years, from there to Marion County Tennessee and resided there five years from there to Hamilton County Tennessee where he still resided and has resided for about the last nine years.

He has stated all he recollects about the regular officers and all the general circumstances of his services.

He has long since lost his discharges and has no documentary evidence to produce. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is no on the pension roll of the Agency of any State in the United States.

S/ James X Davis, X his mark

Sworn and Subscribed

The day and year aforesaid

[George McGwier and Asahel Rawlings gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Hamilton.

On this 4th day of March 1844, personally appeared before the court of said county now in Session (which court is a court of record), Mary Davis a resident of Hamilton County aforesaid aged seventy eight years to be the best of her knowledge she having no record of her age and being entirely illiterate cannot state the date of her birth, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and the 23rd if August 1842 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War, that she is the widow of James Davis who was a private in the army of the Revolution that he served under Captain Gordon of the ___ Regiment commanded by Col. Malberry and that the annual amount of pension which he received was forty three dollars and thirty three

cents. She also declared that she was married to said James Davis at about the age of sixteen years or about sixty two years ago. She recollects that her said husband served in one campaign under Col. Cleveland after her marriage with him, but his service under Col. Malberry was before. She also states that her said husband James Davis died on the 9th day of December 1843 that she was married to him prior to his last service but not prior to his first service the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1784 to wit as above stated. She further declares that she has not married since the death of her said husband James Davis but still remains and now is a widow.

Sworn to and subscribed
In open court the 4th day
Of March 1844
Test. Asahel Rawlings, clerk

S/ Mary Davis, X her mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and one month in the North Carolina militia.]