

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Davis R2746                      Mary Davis      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

The affidavit of Susan Davis

My name is Susan Davis, I am the sister of John Davis. I am about eighty seven years old. My register has been lost and I cant tell my exact age. I was ten or twelve years old when my brother, John Davis, went in to the service of the Revolutionary war. He went from the county of Louisa Va but his fathers family lived in the county of Hanover Va I very well remember his going into the service and his coming back home, but cant now remember how long he served It has been so long and I am so old and infirm that I have forgotten a gret deal about it – But I know he was called out twice during the war – When he was first called out he went to The North, and after he returned from the North he went, together with my brother Jeduthan [Jeduthan Davis], to Sandy Point – I have often heard my brother John Davis talk a great deal about the Revolutionary War, but cant now remember much he said – He has been dead upwards of thirty years. The date I dont remember – He was about sixty years old when he died – John Davis married Mary Arnall – They had four children – the oldest died The other three are still living – their names are Mary or Polly as she is generally called, Edmond & Richard – Mary married Joseph Patterson and lives in the County of Goochland Va. Edmond & Richard live in Hanover Va – Richard the youngest I well remember was born in October 1804 – The ages of the other two I dont remember – Mary Davis the widow of John Davis never married a second time – she died his widow – She has been dead but a short time – Susan herXmark Davis  
[Certified on 23 Sep 1852 by J. H. Davis, Justice of the Peace.]

State of Virginia                      }                      In the county Court of said county and state/ Nov Term AD 1852  
County of Goochland } S.S.

Be it remembered that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty two personally appeared before the Justices of the said court in & for the county of Goochland & state of Virginia; the same being a Court of record & having a clerk & seal & sitting for the dispatch of business Joseph Patterson administrator of the estate of Mary Davis deceased who was the widow of John Davis also deceased, the said Patterson being a resident of the county of Goochland & state of Virginia aged fifty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the pension which is due to the children of the said Mary Davis deceased in right of their said mother who was the widow of the said John Davis deceased & who was at the time of her death entitled to the said pension money on account of the military services of her said husband John Davis during the revolutionary war – under the act of Congress of July 29<sup>th</sup> 1848 & the other acts of congress making further provision in such cases previous to the time of her death. That the said John Davis entered the service of the United States & served in the Virginia State Line for two or more tours, during the war of the Revolution & served in all upwards of two years. He left his native county of Hanover in the state of Virginia & entered as a volunteer, or militia man first in Capt William O. Callis' [William Overton Callis's, pension application W6645] company – was afterwards under Capt or Colonel Burnley & was finally discharged from the service by Beverley Stubblefield, who was at that time, either a Colonel or a General. The names of the officers under whom he served & the battles in which he was engaged cannot now be ascertained as nearly if not quite all of his revolutionary associates, are now dead & he himself has been dead for more than twenty years. It is supposed however from the recollections of his conversations frequently before his death as well as from the conversations of his widow, who is now also dead that the most if not all of his service, was rendered as a militia man or volunteer in the Virginia State Line. That he was encamped for much of the time he was in service near Philadelphia & was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. In one of which engagements he was wounded, That said services were rendered between the years 1777 & 1781.

That he was married to Mary Arnoll in Hanover county Virginia the 2<sup>d</sup> of January 1797 by Henry H. Mallory. That he first went from Hanover County & entered the service in Louisa county Virginia & died in Hanover county Virginia the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1817. That his widow Mary Davis whose maiden name was Mary Arnoll as aforesaid also died in the county of Goochland & state of Virginia on the 7 day of July A.D 1852 leaving the following named surviving children who were the lawful children of herself (the said Mary Arnoll) & the said John Davis, to wit Edmund Davis – Mary Davis (Mary Patterson) & Richard Davis. That said children now reside in Hanover & Goochland Counties state of Virginia. Said Edmund & Richard Davis in Hanover & the said Mary in Goochland. That said pension money is due to the said children in right of their said mother is more particularly claimed under the act of Congress of July 29<sup>th</sup> 1848. That neither the said John Davis or Mary Davis his widow ever applied for or received a pension & that their said marriage as aforesaid took place before the year 1800. In testimony whereof the said Joseph Patterson has hereunto subscribed his hand the day & year before written.

[signed] Joseph Patterson

NOTE: The file contains a copy of the following marriage record from Hanover County: “1797 D[itt]o (Join’d) John Davis B. [bachelor] & Mary Arnall S [spinster] 2<sup>nd</sup> January.” Mrs. Tempe Stanley stated that Mary Davis was 76 when she died. On 23 Oct 1852 Henry Arnall stated that he had heard John Davis speak of being at “Molmouth, and other places to the North.”