

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Meshack Davis R2747

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State of North Carolina Haywood County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions January Session 1841

On this 29th day of January 1841 personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Meshack Davis a resident of Haywood County and State of North Carolina aged about ninety-two 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit

That he was drafted and served a three months tour against the Cherokee Indians under Capt. Elijah Lyons, Col. Locke and General Rutherford being the field officers. Some years after which he turned out as volunteer and served three months in Capt. Jesse Knighton's company in the vicinity of Wilmington on the seaboard and was at the skirmish of the Brick house General Rutherford being the commanding officer in the campaign. That during both terms of service his place of residence was near Salisbury in Rowan County North Carolina, that some three or four years after the close of the revolutionary war he removed to Lincoln County North Carolina where he lived about fourteen years: that he then removed to Wilkes County where he lived about eight years, that then to Buncombe County where he lived at different places in that County until about three years ago when he became and yet he is a citizen of Haywood County, that he has no record of his age to be relied on but thanks from the best means of reckoning in his power he is about ninety-two years of age, that he has no distinct recollection of his age when he first entered the service but thinks he was between twenty-five and twenty-six years of age having married at twenty-five and entered the service the same year about four months afterwards -- that he was born in the State of Maryland and moved to North Carolina at the age of fifteen years being an orphan.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state.

He further states that the reason he has not heretofore made any application for a pension is that he has been sick and confined for nearly eight years and lives some 17 or 20 miles from town in a remote part of Haywood County on Fines Creek, and have not been enabled since his first application to counsel, some six months ago until this week to obtain the testimony of Simeon Lewis whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

It further appears to the court that Simeon Lewis is aged and infirm and unable to attend the court and that the affidavit was taken before Lem'l Podgett who is an acting justice of the

peace in said State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Moshack Davis, X his mark

[Thomas Arrington, a clergyman, and D C Howell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Simeon Lewis age 78 years swears that he was well acquainted with Moshack Davis the applicant that Deponent's brother intermarried with the sister of the said applicant's wife Patience Bentley. Deponent further states that he was in the tour secondly spoken of by applicant from Salisbury to the sea shore near Wilmington & had a skirmish at what was called the brick house, Jesse Knighton was our Capt. affiant states that he belonged to the same mess as Moshack Davis during the tour.

Sworn to before made this 26th day of January 1841

S/ Simeon Lewis, X his mark

S/ Lem'l Podgett, JP

State of Georgia Gilmer County: On this 11th day of June 1851 before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Union State of Georgia personally appeared Meshack Davis aged according to his count about 101 years and after being duly sworn according to law states that he served in the War of the Revolution six months and fifteen days that he lived in Rowan County North Carolina at the commencement of said War & that soon after it commenced he was drafted for a three months Tour under Capt. Elijah Lyons Col. Locke & General Rutherford to go against the hostile Indians in the Western part of the State (Valley River) served his tour of service Howe returned home and sometime after he states that he volunteered for three months to go against the British & Tories at Wilmington North Carolina that his Capt. name was Jesse Knighton (his Col. name he has forgotten) and General Rutherford he states that he served three months and 15 days before he returned home. He further states that about 11 years ago while living in Haywood County North Carolina that he made a Declaration setting forth his services that said declaration & proof of service was taken or sent to the Pension Office by a Mr. King that his services was proven by Simeon Lewis of Burke County North Carolina which he would respectfully refer the Commissioner of Pensions to to establish his claim for a Pension as a Revolutionary Soldier. He hereby constitutes and appoints Thomas Lumpkin of Washington City his attorney to prosecute his claim for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

S/ Tilmon Tilley

S/ Meshack Davis, X his mark

S/ James M. Quillian, JP

State of North Carolina Haywood County: Be it known that on this 25th day of June 1855 personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County Jacob Mason a resident of Jackson County & State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he is the son in law and Administrator of Mashac Davis who departed this life on the 7th day of October 1853 of said County who was a soldier of the Army of the Revolution and an applicant for a Revolutionary pension, that for the purpose of obtaining the said pension he believes now due the children of the said Mashac Davis Deceased he does hereby constitute & appoint George C. Aims Esquire of Washington his agent and attorney to take charge of the foregoing claim with full power and authority to act in the premises, and to do all things necessary for the recovery of the same.

S/ Jacob Mason

Administrator of M. Davis Deceased

[fn p. 13: Isaac Davis testified in Union County Georgia on August 6, 1853, that he is the son and heir at law of Meshack Davis; that his father died October 15, 1852; that his mother, Lidia Davis, died July 15, 1847; that they were married May 7, 1870 [sic, 1780?] When they were residents of Anson County North Carolina; that there are three other children of Meshack Davis as follows: Aaron, William, Rutha and John Davis, who together with declarant are the only surviving heirs of Meshack Davis.]

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December 25, 1781

Dear Sir

Majhack Davis was at my house after his Tickett of fifteen pounds fifteen shilling and Likewise Daniel Bentley's Tickett that he is to receive for sd Bentley as you Remember I Left myself a Tickett with you after I moved a way to Give to the men that was with me at the Wilmington Expedition and I Left them with you please to pay them to the men I Left them for and you will much oblidge your friend

S/ Jesse Kinghten

Capt. Richmond Person

Living at the South Yadkin