

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Davis ¹R2760

f15SC

Transcribed by Will Graves

1/3/2010: rev'd 5/7/19

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of South Carolina Williamsburgh District } Be it known that on this 8th day of April 1846, before me W B Graves Magistrate in and for the district of Williamsburg personally appeared Archibald Campbell a resident of the district & State aforesaid aged eighty-four years, who on oath states that he was a soldier in the revolution and is now a pensioner on the Roll of the State of South Carolina at the rate of \$60 per annum that he was well acquainted with Robert Davis who was the Father of Margaret Davis now Margaret Blakely by intermarriage with John Blakely the within petitioner of Williamsburg District, that the said Robert Davis served in the Revolution as Bugler in the Cavalry that he was often together with the said Robert Davis & his Company that he was Bugler in at the least three years that the said Robert Davis was generally under Colonel Marins² who commanded a Cavalry Company in the South Carolina. The affiant seen him on his first going out in the Service or soon after as Captain McCauley's Company & Colonel Marins were often together, that this affiant commenced the service about 6 months after Lord Cornwallis crossed the Santee at Leneud's ferry that he was often in company with said Robert Davis in the service until the close of the war, as the companies that each of them served in was often together and both companies under the control of General Francis Marion, that he must have been with the said Robert Davis from time to time for 3 or 4 years affiant may not be accurate as to the precise time, but he cannot be mistaken in saying that the said Robert Davis served as bugler in the cavalry more than 2 years. The officers names under whom I have seen him served was Colonel Marins and sometimes under Colonel Horry that he served under them both as bugler, this affiant states that Robert Davis died some time about the year 1835, that his wife died before him, this affiant knew of but 2 children that he left which was his son John Davis and a daughter Margaret who married John Blakely.

S/ Archibald Campbell³



South Carolina Williamsburg District

Be it known that on the 13th day of April 1846 personally appeared before me W B Graves a Magistrate of said District John Blakely aged 45 years, who being first duly sworn,

¹ See B.L. Reg. 169800--55

² Bobby Gilmore Moss interpreted this name as that of Colonel Maham.

³ [Archibald Campbell R1622](#)

saith that his Father-in-law John Davis was a soldier of the revolution under Colonel Marins a part of the time and the remainder of the war under Colonel Horry of South Carolina as affiant has been informed and served for 3 or 4 years, and the most or part of the time in company with Archibald Campbell whose testimony is hereto annexed & to which & the public record reference is made in order to sustain this application for the pension due under the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 for the services of said Robert Davis. Affiant further states that his father-in-law Robert Davis died on or about the first day of April 1834 leaving 3 children being the is his son John Davis, Margaret who affiant married & a daughter by the name of Rebecca that the said John Davis has died since his father.

Sworn to in open court before me

S/ W. B. Graves, Magt.

S/ John Blakely



[p 6: at the April 13, 1846 session of the court of common pleas in Williamsburgh district South Carolina, the court found that Robert Davis died about the first of April 1834 leaving 3 children, John Davis, Margaret Davis who married John Blakely and a daughter called Rachel Acock, all of whom were then living except John Davis who has since died.]

[p 15: Certificate issued by the South Carolina Comptroller General's office dated November 4, 1846 detailing payments made for militia services to one Robert Davis in Col. Maham's Regiment of Cavalry and as a footman under Captain George Dunlap and as a horseman under Lieutenant Dunlap and Lieutenant McElvin.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Robert Davis AA14
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1806

Transcribed by Will Graves

5/7/19

[p 7: Printed form of Indent No. 506 Book C dated September 27, 1784 “delivered to Mr. Robert Davis this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of One hundred pounds two Shillings and nine pence farthing Sterling for pay as a trumpeter in Colonel Maham’s Cavalry as per Certificate from the Auditor General.]

[p 8: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Robert Davis as indicated by his mark and his assignment of his rights to Samuel Smith.]

[p 9]

The petition of Robert Davis praying for a pension

[p 10]

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person’s surname first in the “Full name” box followed by a comma and the person’s Christian name.

The State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina
The Humble petition of Robert Davis of the district of Williamsburgh and State aforesaid
Sheweth

That your petitioner is reduced by old age and bodily infirmities and the necessities arising from them to bring to the view of your Honorable body his claims as a soldier of the revolution in Colonel Maham's Regiment of Cavalry. Your petitioner was enlisted by Lieutenant (afterwards Captain) Theus for twelve months Service, the full term of which your petitioner served. He was then regularly discharged. But the evidence of this fact, which your petitioner had in his possession sometime after the conclusion of peace, he has lost. Your petitioner, after his discharge, was again enlisted in the cavalry by Major James Conyers for the term of the War. Under this last enlistment your Petitioner served Eight months at the end of which time he was again regularly discharged by Major Thomas Giles. This discharge your petitioner has also lost. During both of the above terms of service your petitioner acted as musician. To sustain the above facts your petitioner begs leave to refer your Honorable body to the accompanying certificates and vouchers. Your petitioner, so long as his health and bodily powers remained unimpaired, although he is poor, intended never to call on his country for compensation for his past services or any assistance for his future maintenance. But when age and infirmities are making daily inroads upon him and rendering his situation poorer and more desolate and dependent, Your petitioner cannot think, that he presumes too much on the generous, Just and liberal feelings of your Honorable body in asking remuneration for his services [indecipherable word] great struggle for our independence and some provision for his future support. And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray

Sworn to before me this 16 November 1830

S/ R. G. Ferrell, QU

S/ Robert Davis, X his mark

[p 11]

The State of South Carolina Williamsburgh District

I John McClary of the district and State above mentioned do hereby certify that I have been during and since the American revolutionary war personally acquainted with Robert Davis who signed and subscribed the within petition & that I have served twelve months with him in Colonel Maham's Regiment of Cavalry during that war. He acted as trumpeter in that Regiment. At the end of the above term of twelve months Service I received my discharge and believe that he received also his. I have been informed and believe that the pecuniary circumstances of the above named Robert Davis are much compromised & that he is at present very poor. As witness my hand at Kingstree 27th of February 1829

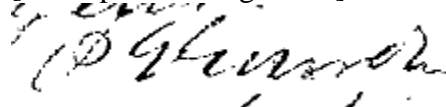
the above certificate sworn to
before me this 27 February 1829

S/ R. G. Ferrell, QU

John McClary

by his agent

[indecipherable signature]



in his presence & by his direction

[p 12]

Schedule of Robert Davis property
&c.

one cow valued at	\$15.00
a small wardrobe	<u>10.00</u>
	\$25.00

Personally appeared the within named Robert Davis who being duly sworn deposeth and saith the above schedule contains every article and kind of property of every description which he has or is entitled in any manner to

Sworn to before me
the 16th November 1830
S/ R. G. Ferrell, QU

S/ Robert Davis, X his mark

[p 14]

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Robert Davis report That they have [word too faint to discern] the same under consideration and respectfully recommend that the petitioner Robert Davis be placed on the Pension List

S/ D R Evans, Chairman