

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Davenport R7591

Jane Nelson

VA

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State of Virginia }

County of Halifax } On this the 22nd day of march 1852 personally appeared in open Court Joseph A Davenport a resident of Virginia in the County aforesaid aged forty seven 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 on 29 July 1848 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary war that his mother Jane Nelson was the widow of James Davenport the identical person who was a private in the revolutionary war He states he always understood that his father James Davenport was a regular soldier and served for several years in the Virginia Continintal line to the roll of which he refers for proof of Service of said James Davenport deceased

He further declares that he always understood that his father the said James Davenport and his mother Jane were married in the County of Halifax Virginia in the year 1796 and that his father died in the year 1823 and that his mother intermarried with one John Nelson in the year 1829 and the said John Nelson died in the year 1835 to wit on the [blank] day of June and that his mother the said Jane Nelson died on the 28th day of December (1849) one thousand eight hundred and forty nine having remained a widow from the day of the death of the said John Nelson until the day of her death And that she left the following surviving children to wit: James H Davenport, Joseph A Davenport, Thomas T Davenport, Benjamin F Davenport and Wilson Davenport all of whom are still living

NOTE: In April 1855 William Burton, 72, and Hampton Griffin, 62, stated that they had heard James Davenport speak of having been in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC on 15 March 1781.