

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Hugh Davis S10136 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Virginia Third Judicial Circuit towit

On this 22^d day of May 1819 before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the General Court and Judge of the 3^d Judicial Circuit comprehending the County of Prince William came Hugh Davis aged 60 years resident in the said county of Prince William who being by me first duly sworn according to Law did on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" That he the said Hugh Davis enlisted for the term of three years in the Spring of the year 1777 in the County of Prince William State of Virginia in the company [raised in western Augusta County] commanded by Capt. George McCormick of the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. John Gibson in the Line of the State of Virginia on Continental Establishment. that he continued to serve in the Regiment in the service of the United States until the Fall of 1780 when he was discharged by Major [Richard] Campbell of the aforesaid Regiment at Burlington. In a fortnight thereafter in Philadelphia he entered into [Henry] Lee's Legion as a Cadet & continued with him more than twelve months. That during his enlistment in the Infantry he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and whilst in Lees Legion he was at the taking of Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779] and Paulus Hook [19 Aug 1779]. That he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support

County of Prince William Sct.

On this sixth day of March 1827 personally appeared in open Court for the County aforesaid Hugh Davis resident in said county aged sixty nine years, who, being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said Hugh Davis enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain George McCormick in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson in the line of the state of Virginia on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of his enlistment when he was discharged from the service in Burlington in the state of New Jersey that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present that his name has been placed on the pension list, that the number of his pension certificate is [blank] and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property, because in 1820 he was worth more than one hundred dollars and since that time he was ignorant of his rights. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income. That, since the 18th of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property. I have suffered from security for debt, and otherwise until I have become absolutely insolvent and to that effect have taken the Oath required by the laws of Virginia. Sworn to, and declared on the sixth day of March 1827, before the Court of the County of Prince William aforesaid.

Hugh Davis

[On 5 March 1828 the Sheriff of Prince William County certified that in 1821 all of Hugh Davis's property had been sold to satisfy a debt of more than \$100 incurred by his son, Jesse Davis. A schedule of his estate dated 1 August 1822 is transcribed as follows:

Personal estate none
Debts none
Income none

Real Estate all my interest right, title and estate in and to four hundred acres of land consisting of two tracts lyin in the County of Prince William.]

Loudoun County towit

Maj'r. Wm B Harrison [William B. Harrison] appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County and State of Virginia & made oath in due form of Law that he was well acquainted with Hugh Davis from the earliest part of his life & he remembers perfectly his being in Lees Legion in the Revolutionary War & thinks he joind the Legion some time in the year of 1779 and continued in & with the same untill we marched to the South & do not recolect anything of him afterwards untill after the termination of said war he met with him in the County of Prince William & recolects perfectly will he performed his duty with fidelity & Honour during his service whilst he was acquainted with him in the afore said service Sworn & subscribed to before me this 6th day Nov'r. 1832 Presley Cordell

[On 1 Dec 1833 Benjamin Strother (pension application S7635) certified Hugh Davis's service in Lee's Legion as described in the following.]

State of Virginia }
Prince William County }

On this 20th day of February 1834, Hugh Davis a Soldier of the Revolution aged 79 years appeared in person before me James Porter a Justice of the peace for aforesaid County, and being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist stated as follows Viz: That in 1775 he enlisted in the Continental Army for three years, under Captain Geo. McCormick of the 13th Virg'a. Regm't. commanded by Col. John Gibson – that they marched to fort Pitt (now Pittsburg) in the State of Pennsylvania, and after remaining in that neighborhood some time, were marched to the main Army under Washington in the neigh'd of Philadelphia, and attached to the division of Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], that he was in the Battles of Germantown, Brandywine, Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] &c, and continued in the Army till the end of his three years' enlistment in 1779, and was discharged, and started home with others of his company, that in Philadelphia he met with H. Lee to whom he was well known, that Lee asked him where he was going; he replied he was going home. Lee then proposed to him that if he would join his Legion, and induce the two men with him to join also for and during the war, he should have a seargeants command and a promotion as soon as a vacancy occurred – to this he agreed, and they all enrolled themselves for and during the war. and he assumed the command of a Sergeant and retained it until he was wounded by a Ball through his knee in a skirmish with enemy near Trenton in Jersey and rendered unfit for further duty and discharged – that he is a cripple from said wound to this day. Said Davis states that he was a Sergeant under Captain McCormick during his first 3 years enlistment and service and was p'd. and drew Land (200 acres) as a Sergeant as will appear by a reference to the public records at Richmond, but that for his last enlistment under Lee for and during the War, he has never rec'd. any thing in any shape. He woud further state, that during his service in Lee's legion, he acted as a Sergeant in Capt'n. Rudolph's company of Horse. after he was wounded, which was in the fall of 1779 and placed in the Hospital Lee came on to the South, leaving orders him and others then unable to march should (if able) come on to Virginia in the spring and be reported to an officer he thinks a Mr. Lewis in Leesburg in Va. that in the spring he having got something better was bro't. on to Leesburg and reported and examined, declared disabled permanently, and discharged as unfit for further duty. He says he had at one time written testimony to prove all he here states, but that it has all long since been lost or destroyed. He now asks to be allowed the bounties and emoluments provided under the Law of October 1780. He expects the land already rec'd (200 acres) to be deducted from any bounty now allowed him in Land.

Hugh Davis

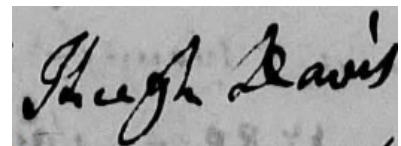
State of Virginia } Sc
Prince William County }

On this 21st day of March in the year 183[6] personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace of said County, Hugh Davis, a resident of the said county of Prince William and State of Virginia, aged 77 years in November last, who being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia, in the county of Prince William, in the company commanded by Captain George McCormick, in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson, in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental Establishment. He enlisted as above stated for the term of three years, and was marched to Fort Pitt, and whilst there was appointed Sergeant in the same Company above named and was thereafter marched to the main Army then stationed near Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania, and continued to serve in the capacity of Sergeant for the said period of his enlistment, and was honorably discharged from service at Burlington in the State of New Jersey. He states that after discharge he saw Colonel Lee in Philadelphia, and in consequence of an application from him he enlisted in his Legion for during the War, and was appointed Sergeant in the 3rd troop of horse of said Legion, under the command of Cap. Rudolph, and therein continued to serve, in that capacity till sever[ely] wounded whilst on a scouting party near Princeton in the state of New Jersey in the month of November 1779 and was thereafter discharged from service in consequence of said wound, and returned home in the month of June 1780. Said discharge has been long since lost or destroyed and cannot be exhibited at this time. He states that during his service he was in the following battles, to wit – Brandywine – Germantown and Monmouth – and at the taking of Powles Hook with Colonel Lee then in the Rank of Major.

He further states that when he made his first declaration for a pension under the act of the 18th March 1818 that he applied to Captain Charles Ewell for his certificate, which he gave, but did not state that he, the said Davis was a sergeant, and when he was reminded that such was the fact he remarked that it made no difference – and he, said Davis supposing that said Ewell was conversant with such matters, received the said certificate in the form in which it had been written, which he ought not to have done. He further states that he was enrolled on the United States pension list under the said act of 1818 as a private only, when in fact he was appointed and did serve as a sergeant, and received his pay from Virginia as such. Also his land from Virginia.

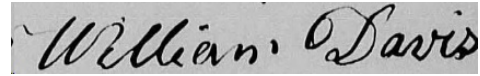
The certificate of said Davis being a duplicate he here now surrenders, and prays that he may be enrolled on the list of pensioners as a Sergeant, and that such additional pension as may be due to him on that account may now be granted. And that he may also receive the amount of such additional pension as an arrearage from the 4th of March 1831 according to the provisions of the said act of June 1832. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State –
[The name of Hugh Davis appears at the end of several documents.
The one shown here seems most likely to be a true signature.]



State of Virginia }
County of Prince William }

Be it known, that in the 5 day of May AD. 1855, before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace, in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared William Davis a resident of the said County of Prince William, and made oath according to law that he is one of the children of the identical Hugh Davis whose name under the act of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818, has been placed on the Virginia pension roll at the rate of ninety six dollars per annum

That he is credibly informed that the said pension may and ought to be increased from its commencement and during its continuance; that he is directly interested as a claimant in said increase, and makes this affidavit to be filed with such additional evidence as my agent may use in prosecuting said claim. [Power of attorney to Aylett Nicol follows.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Davis". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Pension Office/ July 12, 1855

Sir [A. Nicol Esq/ Brentsville/ Pr William Co./ Virginia]

The application for increase of the

pension of Hugh Davis, deceased, of Va. under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined.

He was pensioned for services as Sergeant in the 3^d Va Regiment, at \$120. It is now claimed that he was Sergeant in Lee's Legion of dragoons, and that for this service he was entitled to \$180 per annum. He alleged that he served one year in Lee's legion, as a cadet. The rolls of Lee's legion show that he served but six months and eight days in that corp's, and in the capacity of a private.

The claim for increase is, therefore, rejected.