

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Davis S10534

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State of South Carolina Marion District } Be it known, that on this 14th day of September 1851
Before me Edward B. Wheeler, Judge of the Court of Ordinary for said District (being a Court of
Record) personally appeared Daniel H. Davis 59 years of age, who being duly sworn, upon oath
makes the following Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act of the 7th of
June 1832 for himself, Joseph Davis, William Davis, Maria Fladger, Mary Thomas, & Susan B.
Lyles, only surviving children of Joseph Davis, a private and Sergeant of infantry and Lieutenant
of Cavalry, in the war of the Revolution. That the said Joseph Davis, died in the District of
Marion, on the 13th day of November 1838, leaving no widow but the aforesaid children, to wit
Joseph Davis, William Davis, Maria Fladger, Mary Thomas & Susan B. Lyles, and this affiant,
that Joseph Davis entered the American Army as a private, and upon the first requisition for
troops, he volunteered at Ports Ferry on the great Pedee [River] and marched from thence in
company with Lieutenant Benjamin Munnerlyn, (afterwards promoted to a Captain) Captain
Shade Simonds, Benjamin Davis, Moses King, Francis Goddard, Jonathan Collins, & others to
the rendezvous at Dunnam's Bluff, from thence to Charleston South Carolina and reported to
Generals Moultrie [William Moultrie] & Marion [Francis Marion], was in the battle at Fort
Moultrie when attacked by the British fleet in June 1776 [June 28, 1776] -- was in the battle of
Stono Ferry [June 20, 1779], and was appointed first Sergeant -- was at Nelson's ferry, at the
taking of about ninety Prisoners, was in the battle of the Siege of Savannah [September 16-
October 9, 1779], was in a battle at the Pedee River against the Tories, who were commanded by
a Tory Captain named Jesse Barfield [sic, Jesse Barefield: Bear Swamp, October 30. 1780], in
which the Tories were defeated -- was in the engagements against the Tories at Black Mingo
[September 28, 1780]; Coosawhatchie [May 3, 1779], & Blue Savannah [September 4, 1780];
his officers in the different tours of service, were Captain Shade Simonds [Shade Simons],
Captain James, Captain John Rogers, Captain Benjamin Munnerlyn, Captain James Giles, Major
James [John James] of Williamsburg District, Colonels Baxter [Jacob Baxter], Laurens [John
Laurens], Horry [Daniel Horry], & Hill [William Hill], and in the war served upwards of a year
as a private, two years as a Sergeant and three years as Lieutenant of cavalry -- He was sent by
General Marion on several military expeditions and on one occasion, met the distinguished
Sergeant McDonald, and returned to Georgetown in company with him -- He was in actual
service the whole war except for a short time, on two occasions, when he was on furlough and
was discharged at Boling Green in 1783 after peace by General Marion, which discharge and
Commission as Lieutenant I the said Daniel H. Davis have seen frequently in my Father's

possession, and which was destroyed by fire, at the burning of his house & furniture, not long preceding the death of my Father

S/ D. H. Davis

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. H. Davis". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial "D" and a prominent "H".

The above declaration sworn to and subscribed before me, the day & year above written
S/ Edward B. Wheeler, Judge

[Veteran was granted a posthumous pension in the amount of \$170.82 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending with his death on November 13, 1838. The amount of his pension was calculated based on one month service as a private in the South Carolina Cavalry and 10 months as a Lieutenant.