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Pension Application of Joshua Davidson (Davisson) S1192

VA

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Davidson, Joshua

His name appears on a list of claimants to be placed on the pension list returned by the Circuit Court for the District of Virginia, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on April 25, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, class 9, page 122.

Rank: Dragoon

Regt: Col. Lee's [Henry Lee's Legion]

Disability: Wounded in the right arm while in the service of the United States; likewise wounded in the shoulder, by which wounds he has lost the use of his arm.

When and where disabled: March 15, 1781, Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC].

Residence: Prince Edward.

Monthly allowance: \$4.72

Arrearages: \$150

Remarks: Enlisted in January, 1779, and continued to 31st December, 1781.

Davidson, Joshua

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of Virginia submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on Feby 28, 1795 and printed in the American State Papers class 9, page 164.

Rank; Dragoon.

Regt; Col. Lee's legion.

Disability; Wounded in his right arm, the shoulder still remaining dislocated.

When and where disabled; March 15, 1781, Guilford.

Residence; Prince Edward county

Monthly allowance, \$4.66 $\frac{2}{3}$.

Arrearages; \$150.00

Remarks; Enlisted January 8, 1779, for three years

Evidence complete, excepting that the examining physicians do not precisely state the degree of his disability.

State of Kentucky } SS.

County of Nicholas }

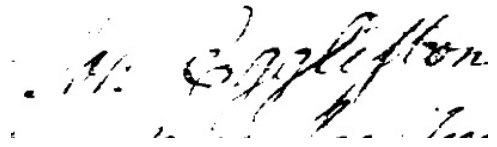
On this 22^d day of April 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Nicholas County, Joshua Davidson, a resident in the County of Nicholas and State of Kentucky, aged seventy two years, last March, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Acts of Congress passed June 7 1832, and 19th Feby 1833. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 with Captain William Cuninghame [sic; William Cunningham], and served in the first Regiment of the Virginia line, under Col. Richard Parker, Major Dickeson (or Dickinson) [Edmund B. Dickinson BLWt523-400] and as well as he now recollects in Gen'l. Muhlenburg's [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] Brigade; that he resided in the State of Virginia & enlisted at Prince Edward which enlistment was for the term of one year, and that shortly after he listed he joined the Main Army, in winter quarters at Vally forge [sic: Valley Forge], that the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] was the first Battle he was in, his Major above named, was killed in that Battle. and that about 20 days before his year expired, he was solicited to enlist in the company or troop of horse, commanded by Capt. Rudolph [John Rudolph

VAS2156], which he did, and, for, during the war, and continued in the horse service until the Army was disbanded, during this last enlistment, he was in the Battle of "Guilford" and was severely wounded in his right shoulder and upper part of the arm, and also on the head. in consequence of which wounds and the loss of the use of his arm, he was in the year [blank] placed on the Invalid pension list virginia Agency, and since transferred to the Kentucky agency. He further states that Rudolph's. Armstrong's [James Armstrong R258] and Eggleston's [sic: Joseph Eggleston W8687] troops of Horse, and three Companies of Infantry, formed the legion commanded by Col. Lee. He also states that after he recovered from his wounds owing to the disability of his shoulder & arm, he did not do regular duty in the troop, but was employed about the camp and as a rider to carry expresses, to impress horses for the use of the Legion &c. that under the first enlistment he served the period of eleven months & about 10 days – and that under the second enlistment he served between three years and half, and four years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except, his invalid pension, and the present; and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state only on that of the Agency of the state of Kentucky, as an invalid soldier of the army of the Revolution. Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Joshua hisXmark Davidson

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file also contains a discharge signed by Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, Secretary of War at the end of the Revolutionary War, but the details are illegible.]

I certify that Joshua Davidson of Prince Edward County enlisted as a Soldier in Lee's Legion the 1st February 1779 & faithfully performed his Duty untill the battle of Guilford when he was disabled by a ball in the shoulder. Since that Time he has been on Furlow & was never discharged. He was at his Enlistment & is now a Citizen of this State was credited to its Quota & receive pay in Paper Money to the 1st April 1780.

Jos Eggleston
Maj Lee Legion
1[?]th Sep'r 1783



I Assign my Land certificate & Interest to James Vaughan
Joshua Davisson
Genuine, I believe/ T. Meriwether



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NOTE: In the file is an undated part of a document stating that Davidson had lived in Greenbrier County for the previous year and in Prince Edward County before then. On 14 March 1822 Davidson applied to have his pension transferred to Kentucky, having moved to Shelby County. On 14 Oct 1823 he was living in Franklin County KY.