

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Michael David S12729 VA
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State of Kentucky, Mason County Sct

On this the 10th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Mason County Court now sitting Michael David a resident of the Town of Washington in the County of Mason and State of Kentucky 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 benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. Viz

he entered the service as a volunteer under Capt Crookshanks, who commanded a Company from Shenandoah County Virginia, that John Hoover was the Lieutenant of the Company & that they marched from Shenandoah County to Frederick County, Winchester Barracks, Virginia where they guarded the British prisoners who were taken at the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] that this term of Service was performed in the year 1780 [sic] – that the tour was two months and that after serving out that period he was honorably discharged by his Officer, the Capt but has lost his discharge – that he resided in the County of Shenandoah Virginia when he entered the service of the U. States under Capt Crookshanks – that he recollects Col Morgan [Daniel Morgan, Brigadier General after 13 Oct 1780] and Maj Brown as Field Officers.

The said Michael David also declares that afterwards & but a short time previous to the surrender of Cornwallis at York [19 Oct 1781], he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier, under Lieut Oneil And Ensign Jacob Lantz, who raised a Company to reinforce the American army – that the company joined the army at a place called Burnt Ornery [sic: Burnt Ordinary 8 mi NW of Williamsburg] and were attached to the Company of the late Capt Thomas Marshall, under the Command he thinks of one Col Stevenson [probably Gen. Edward Stevens], who was from Culpeper County – that the army, after he joined it, marched from Burnt Ornery to Maupen Hill [sic: malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond], where it lay two weeks – that at this term he served the United States three months and at the expiration of the term was honorably discharged, but has lost the discharge

Said Michael David further states that immediately after the Surrender of Cornwallis he again turned out as a volunteer, under Capt. Kener, for the purpose of guarding the Prisoners and marched to Winchester Barracks, where he performed a tour of three months service in guarding British prisoners and at the end of said tour was regularly & honorably discharged but has lost that discharge with the others –

that he was at the time of performing all his three tours of service, a resident of Shenandoah County Virginia – that he was born in Frederick County Maryland, and removed from thence to Shenandoah County Virginia that he has no record of his age, except in his fathers family Bible, which is not in his possession – unless there may be a record in Frederick County Md. that his family removed to Shenandoah Virginia, where they resided when he performed his revolutionary services – that after the revolution, he emigrated to the West and settled in Mason County, Ky, where he has resided ever since & now resides – that he is well known to Col Marshall Key, Maj Th's. Marshall, Mr. John Marshall, the two last mentioned are sons of the late Capt Th's. Marshall under whom he served one term – that he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person by whom he can prove his services

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Michael his3mark David

NOTE: The file includes a 17 Dec 1853 letter to the Pension Commissioner from Senator A. C. Dodge requesting information about Michael David on behalf of John S. David.