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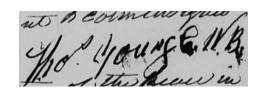
Pension Application of Jesse Davis S12735 VA
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State of Kentucky County of Fleming Sct.

On this 10th day of Sept. in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before William P Roper esqr. Judge of the Fleming Circuit Court being a court of Record & now in session Jesse Davis of said County and State aged now in his seventyeth year 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 7th June 1832 that he was born in the County of Stafford in the State of Virginia that he entered into the service of the united states and served as herein after stated and that in the month of Octo. in the year 1779 (he thinks the 17th) he enlisted into the service of the united States in the Comp'y of Capt. Thomas Young [pension application S11921] at the town of Dumfries in the state of Virginia in the virginia State line in a Battallian called the"Western" for two years, that so soon as the Battallion was organized he was marched to the Barracks in Albamarle Va. to guard the prisoners taken from Burgoine [sic: Albemarle Barracks where Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 were housed from Jan 1779 to Feb 1781] that while there he was commanded by Col. or Gen'l. Wood [Col. James Wood], and the fall following I went with the troops who guarded said prisoners to Frederick Town in the State of Maryland from there we went to Pittsburg where we were commanded by Gen'l. Geo. Rogers Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] and continued under his command until I was discharged which was in Dec'r. 1781 Louisville in the State of Kentucky at which place he got an Honorable discharge having served Two years and about two months which discharge that not knowing It would at any time thereafter avail him any thing hath been lost no particular care having been taken to preserve it That he hath heretofore made application to the War departed to be placed on the pension list but was then rejected because he belonged to the Virginia Militia & not on Continental establishment [see endnote] That at that time he was able to procure the affidavit of his Capt. Thos. Young which is now attached hereto that he does not know whether he is now dead or alive and that he knows of no other person by whom he can prove his Service, He hath no record of his age, his discharge he thinks was signed by his Capt. & perhaps by another & since his discharge he hath lived (with the Exception of one year) in the State of Kentucky & 14 or 15 years last in the County of Fleming He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rool of the agency of any Jesse hisXmark Davis State

Commonwealth of Kentucky } Sct & County of Bourbon }

Be it remembered that on the 20th day of September [1821] came before us Thomas Young of the said County & State, and being duly sworn according to law did depose and say, that he was a captain in a battallion of the Virginia line in the revolutionary war usually called the Western battallion under the command of Colo. Joseph Crockett – That after the battallion was organized, it was ordered on duty at the barracks in Albemarle County Virginia, guarding the prisioners of Burgoynes army, under Colonel or General Wood of the continental army, and escorted said prisoners the fall following to Fredericktown in Maryland. From thence the battallion was ordered to Pittsburg, and placed under the command of Gen George Rogers Clarke, and continued under his command till the battallion was discharged on the 20 or 21 December 1781. That on the 17th of October 1779 he said Young at Dumfries in Prince William County Virginia enlisted Jesse Davis now a resident of Fleming County in this State, and who is now present, as a private soldier in said battallion, who was attached to his company, and continued to serve therein on the duties aforesaid for the term of his enlistment, which ended when the battallion was discharged as aforesaid – and that the said Jesse Davis was discharged honorably at Louisville Kentucky in December, and received a discharge signed by this deponent & countersigned by said Colo. Crockett.



NOTES:

Lt. Col. Joseph Crockett's Western Battalion belonged to the Virginia State Forces, not to either the militia or the Continental line. Davis evidently applied for a pension under the act of 1818, which covered only soldiers who had been in the Continental line.

On 8 May 1855 Jesse Davis at age about 93 applied for bounty land. A document in the file states that he died on 21 Nov 1857 in Rowan County KY, where he had lived one year.