

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Leonard Davis S12736                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia } ss.  
County of Rockingham }

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Rockingham, now sitting, Leonard Davis, aged 71 years, a resident of Rockingham County, and State of Virginia, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He was born in Albemarle County Va. and has no record of his age, his father having carried it to N. Carolina, but thinks he was nineteen in 1781. About twenty years since he removed to Rockingham, where he has resided ever since. In January 1781 he was drafted into the militia service in Albemarle County under Capt. John Hunton, and Lieut. Isaac Davis [pension application S15799]. He marched early in January to York, and thence to Hampton, and then to Williamsburg with some prisoners, and then to richmond, and was discharged, but got no written discharge; there was another company belonging to the same detachment under Capt. John Harris. He was not in any engagement during this tour, and served two months and twenty-five days.

He marched from the same county again, about the last of April, in the militia service, as a draft, under Capt Isaac Davis – joined the army in Virginia somewhere between Richmond and Fredericksburg, and was shortly afterwards transferred to another Company under Capt. [Mark] Leake, of the Albemarle Militia. Among the officers under whom he served, he recollects Majors Boys [sic: William Boyce] and Hoffler, and Genl's. [Anthony] Wayne and Porterfield. He was in two engagements during this tour, one at Hot Water [Hot Water Plantation, 26 Jun 1781], and the other at James Town [Battle of Green Springs Plantation near Jamestown, 6 Jul 1781] – and the enemy embarked immediately after the latter engagement. This tour was also served entirely in Virginia, and he was discharged at Morban's Hills, about twenty miles below Richmond [sic: Malvern Hills 15 mi SE of Richmond], after having served three months and seven days. but got no written discharge.

For proof of his services, he relies on the affidavit of Capt. Isaac Davis, herewith submitted to the Court, who is old and infirm, and could not conveniently attend the Rockingham Court and of John Hall [S5490] also submitted who is also unable to attend Rockingham court.

There is no clergyman residing in his neighbourhood whose attendance he can procure to give the usual certificate. but he has produced satisfactory proof of his services he hopes the certificate will be considered unnecessary in his case. He never received any written discharge or commission and has no documentary proof of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

For his character for veracity and the belief of his revolutionary services in his neighbourhood, he refers to Mr. Wm. Kite, George Baugher, and Nicholas Baugher.

Swore to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid                      Leonard hisXmark Davis  
[Certified by Edmund Davis, a Justice of the Peace in Albemarle County.]

John Hall of albemarle County Virginia being qualified on the Holy avengalist by me a justice of the peace of said County deposeth and sayeth that he John Hall went down into the Service of his Country he thinks in the year 1781 in Company with Leonard Davis of said County two different Towers the first Tower they went down under Captain John Hunton served the tower under him. the next Tower they marched under Captain Isaac Davis but Leonard Davis was detached to some other Company and he does

not recollect how long he served but believes he served the Tower out as he never heard any thing to the contrary John Hall further states that he has been acquainted with said Leonard Davis ever since he was a small Boy untill he moved to the County of Rockingham some 18 or 20 years since that he believes him to be a man of truth and may be relied on as to any statements that he would make given under my hand this fifth day of March in the year 1833. [signed] Edmund Davis

State of Virginia Orange County to wit

I Isaac Davis do hereby that in the year 1781 Leonard Davis marched in the militia under captain John Hunton of Albemarle county & state of Virginia and served two months (January & February I believe) I was a lieutenant in Hunton's company after the two months service we were discharged - In April or May following I marched as a captain & said Leonard Davis was one of my company, to join the army under Lafayette - we did join said army & I continued about a month or six weeks and was discharged, and I left the said Leonard Davis in camp & do not know how long he continued given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832

NB. It would be very inconvenient for me to attend Rockingham court.



State of Virginia Orange County to wit,

The above certificate sworn to before me a justice of the peace for the county of Orange, by Isaac Davis, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 Isaac Davis V.J.P.

