

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Davis S15397 VA
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Henry County } Sct

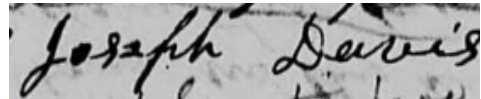
Be it known that on this 18th day of March 1834 personally appeared before William McCrackin a Justice of the peace in and for said County and one of the Justices of the Henry County Courts Joseph Davis a resident of the said county aged 73 years who being first duly Sworn according to law doth upon 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 stated that is to say being a resident of Clarke [sic: Clark] County in the present State of Kentucky he did on the [blank] day of May 1781 enter the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the company of Captain Green and he rendezvoused with his company at Strouds Station in the said county and was kept stationed at that point as a part of the garrison of that place during the whole of his term of engagement which was for three months all which time he served out fully and faithfully. He states that he was under the command of no higher officer than Captain in this service

He further states and declares that being still a resident of the same section of country he did again enter the service of the United States on the [blank] day of March 1782 as a private volunteer soldier upon a tour of six months in the Company of Capt Green the same man who commanded him in his former tour that he met his company again at Strouds station [sic: Strode's Station 2 mi NW of Winchester] where he was kept stationed the principal part of his term of engagement under the said Captain Green – that a portion of his said time was spent at Bryans Station [in present Lexington] and at Boons Station [sic: Boone's Station] guarding & protecting the country from the Indians who were very troublesome as all can testify who knew anything about the situation of the frontiers – he states that he performed the full term of his said last mentioned engagement of six months and was discharged. [Portions of the following are marked "omit."] He states that he knows that he did not serve as a private soldier upon the frontiers against the Indians less than nine months during the War of the Revolution and for that service he claims a pension.

This declarant states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person except Nicholas May by whom he can prove 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
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid



Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the said Justice of the Peace

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Stafford County Va. in the year 1761

2^d Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have at home

3^d Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in the now county of Clarke & State of Kentucky when I was called into service from which county I moved to Madison County Ky from thence I moved to Shelby County Ky. and about 4 years ago I moved from Shelby to Henry County Ky where I have continued to live ever since

4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if

a substitute for whom?

Answer I was a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer I was under the command of no higher officer than captain and being on the frontiers and men and officers scarce I saw but few officers – I recollect however Col. McMillan who was a militia officer. My services were performed principally in Strouds, Bryans and Boons Station.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I rec'd. no discharge in writing

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer I will name Nicholas May and William McCrackin who are neighbours

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid