

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Davis S16358

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State of Georgia } SS.

Elbert County }

On this fifteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before Dilliard Herndon, William A Beck, Robert Christian & Isaac Almand Justices of the Inferior Court in and for Elbert County and State of Georgia now sitting, John Davis, a resident of the County of Elbert and State of Georgia, aged seventy 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 stated, that he volunteered into the service of the United States as a private in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] State of Virginia, on the [blank] day of July one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, under Captain Rucker in a Regiment Commanded by Colonel James Barber [sic: James Barbour], joined his Regiment at Culpepper Court House State of Virginia, marched from thence to Prince William County, from Prince William to Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County all in the State of Virginia, from Loudon County through the State of Maryland into the State of Pennsylvania to General Washington's head Quarters at a place called the White Horn Tavern [probably White Horse Tavern near present Glenloch PA], and after serving three monthes as a private in the Army of the Revolution was discharged from the service, but some time previous to his discharge Colonel Barber resigned, when Colonel Pendleton took command of the Regiment.

That also he was drafted into the service of the United States for three monthes as a private, in the County of Culpepper State of Virginia on the [blank] day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, the day he does not now recollect, under Captain Phinks [probably Fink] in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Hill, joined his regiment at Culpepper Court House State of Virginia, marched from thence to Cabin Point on James River [in Surry County], from Cabin Point to Petersburg State of Virginia (at that place the Virginia Militia was commanded by General Mullenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]) at that place fought the British [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781], after that battle he was commanded by Major, Boss or Bees [sic: William Boyce], and Colonel [Alexander] Dick, marched from thence of nights through the Country he does not exactly know when, but in the course of the marching went down James River took three prisoners and killed several others, from thence crossed James River at a place called Shurly hundred [sic: Shirley Hundred, in May 1781], and there fought the British, where was killed a great number of the Enemy and took some prisoners, from thence to Chesterfield County, from Chesterfield County to Richmond State of Virginia, and then crossed James River (while he was marching to Richmond he went off from his company and took a prisoner) from Richmond to Chickahominy Swamp, from thence to Orange and Hanover Counties in the State of Virginia, where he was discharged after having served three monthes as a private in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, but does not recollect precisely the date when he was discharged.

That he also volunteered into the service of the United States for Two monthes as a private, in Culpepper County State of Virginia, on the — day of — one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, the day and month he does not recollect under Captain Earley in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis, marched from Culpepper County to Albemarle Court House State of Virginia where he was stationed guarding of the British prisoners at that place, until the expiration of his two monthes, and was discharged at that place after having served two months in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, but does not recollect the day when he was discharged.

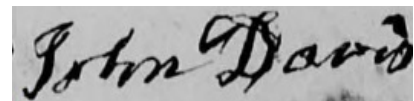
That he also volunteered into the service of the United States for Two months as a Private in

Culpepper County State of Virginia on the — day of — one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, under Captain Joel Earley in a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Bell, joined his Regiment at Culpepper Court House State of Virginia, marched from thence to James River, through Hanover County, Page Town, new Castle Town [now Old Church], all in said state, from thence back to Culpepper Court House, where he joined General Washington Marquis de la Fayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] and General [Anthony] Wayne commanding officers of the American Army, where he was discharged after having served one monthes as a Private, but the day of his discharge he does not recollect

Making in all at different periods nine monthes service as a private in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War; that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War.

That he was born in King William County State of Virginia July the second in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four, that he has no record of his age, that when called into service he lived in Culpepper County State of Virginia, where he lived until he removed to the state of Georgia Elbert County in the year seventeen hundred and ninety one, where he now lives and has resided there ever since, he states that the first tour of service he volunteered, the second tour of service he was drafted, and the two last tours of service he volunteered into the service, he states that the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where he served were, General Washington Marquis de la Fayette and General Wayne, but cannot at this time recollect the different Regiments that he served with, and that he received no written discharge for any of his services, they were all verbal discharges. He states that the names of some of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighbourhood, and who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution are Colonel David Dobbs, Wiley Thompson formerly a member of Congress, William White, and William Johnson.

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 and year aforesaid.

A rectangular stamp containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John David". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.