

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Davis S1756

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State of North Carolina Haywood County: On this first day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions (it being a court of record) now Sitting Thomas Davis a resident of Haywood County North Carolina aged 72 years who first being 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he entered the service as a Drafted Militia Man under the immediate command of Capt. Coffee & Major Rowan in the County of Wilkes North Carolina (in about 1781) and was marched to Camden & Ninety Six South Carolina & was there placed under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] -- and on his return from the South was in the Battle at Blackstock's<sup>1</sup> on Tyger River where General Sumpter was wounded there was regularly discharged after serving a tour of three months.

He further states that afterwards he volunteered in the County of Wilkes for a tour of three months under Capt. Sweeney Gordon [?] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Malvada [sic, Malmedy] a French officer in the Brigade commanded by General Greene Col. Washington & General Lee -- was marched into South Carolina to the High hills of Santee & there stationed until they were marched to the Eutaw Springs<sup>2</sup> and was in that battle with the British afterwards was placed as guard to the prisoners taken at that place & was marched to Bells branch near Salisbury North Carolina & there stationed until his term of service expired and then was discharged. Served this tour three months.

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.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Fauquier County State of Virginia in the A.D. 1861 [could be 1860, last digit unclear]

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I know of no record of my age

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: In Wilkes County North Carolina removed from Wilkes to Buncombe lived there ten years the residue I have lived in Haywood County North Carolina

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<sup>1</sup> November 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/blackstocks.htm>

<sup>2</sup> September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I served three months as a volunteer and three months as a drafted militia Man  
5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I served under General Greene, Col. Washington & General Lee & Col. Malvidd  
[Malmedy]

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

I did receive a discharge & believe it was signed by the Captains under whom I served -- but are lost or mislaid so that I cannot lay my hands on them.

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

I am known to William Davis & Solomon Ray -- there being no regular clergyman in the immediate neighborhood who can testify

Sworn to and subscribed in Open court the day and year above written

S/ Thos. Davis

S/ Robert Love, Clk

by his Dep. S/ John B. Love

[William Davis & Solomon Ray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: in an affidavit for the transfer of his pension benefits filed in Morgan County Tennessee on February 25, 1838, Thomas Davis describes himself as the identical person who received a pension having served under Capt. Alexander Gordon and Col. Malbedee's Regiment. He states that he moved to Morgan County "with some of his relations."]