

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Davis S2160 VA  
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The State of Ohio Butler County }  
Court of Common Pleas }  
July Term 1832 }

On this first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for the county of Butler in the State of Ohio William Davis a resident of the County of Butler aforesaid 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 seventh eighteen hundred and thirty two.

That about the first of June seventeen hundred and seventy seven [sic] in Stafford County Virginia he enlisted for two years in the company commanded by Captain William Washington [promoted to Major 27 Jan 1777] who was attached to Colonel Mercer's [Hugh Mercer, who died 12 Jan 1777] Regiment of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment – deponent marched under Col. Mercer to Sandy point; thence to Philadelphia and then to Germantown. he was in the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and fought in the division commanded by General [Adam] Stephen after the battle the army retreated and encamped on Skippack creek about twenty miles from [NW of] Germantown deponent continued in the service until the full end of the term for which he had enlisted, he was honorably discharged at Valley Forge in the state of Pennsylvania – his discharge which has long been lost was signed by Quarter Master Johnston – deponent has forgotten the names of some of the officers under whom he served after deponent left the regular service he served three months in Virginia in the militia of that state

He has applied twice for a pension but has never received one – his papers were sent to Washington City and he believes they are on file in the office of the Secretary of war [not found] – deponent knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services, but his is known to Squire Little [Squire Littell] Michael Pearce, Stephen Guard and others residents of the County of Butler by whom he can as he believes prove that he sustains a good character for truth and veracity and that he is reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the revolution – he has no written record of his age but states that he was born in Stafford County Virginia he believes in the year seventeen hundred and fifty two and he believes that he is now eighty years of age – he has lived in Butler County Ohio between twenty five & thirty years. 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

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