

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Davis (Davies) S2497

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

On this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful John B. Armstrong, Samuel Phillips and John L. Niell Esquires gentlemen Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions appointed to hold the present term of the said Court now sitting Jesse Davis aged sixty-six years seven months and 24 days who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed seventh of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; to wit

That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Soldier in the County of Franklin in State of North Carolina sometime in the month of June 1781, and was placed under the command of Capt. Wells Milner and was stationed at a place then called Portrage in said County of Franklin and was employed in cleaning the weevils from public corn deposited there for the term of about two months. He said he was then transferred to a company of light horse commanded by Capt. William Rush who was engaged in chastising the Tories and outliers which were then very numerous in that part of the Country, and remained with said company reconnoitering through that country until about the first of November following; when he was transferred to a Capt. Swan Troulton who was stationed at Durham Hall's to guard the public munitions and provisions for the Army of nine months men who were stationed at that place where he says he remained in service until sometime about the first of February 1782, making in all a term of service of about seven months and upwards; that he only claims a pension for seven months when he was discharged -- and that he has no documentary evidence whatever and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his Service; and he hereby relinquishes all and every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in the United States. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid;

S/ Jesse Davis

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clerk

Interrogatories by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in what was then called Bute County in the State of North Carolina on the 14th of March in the year 1766 as I was informed by my parents.

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

Ans: I have no record of my age whatever

3rd Where were you living when called into service?

Ans: I was a citizen of Franklin County in the State of North Carolina all the time I was in service

4th Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Ans: I was a citizen of Franklin County in the State of North Carolina during the war of the Revolution and afterwards until the year 1807 when I removed to Bedford County Tennessee where I have resided ever since and where I now reside.

5th how were you called into service; were you drafted were you a volunteer or were you a substitute; and if a substitute for whom?

Ans: I was a drafted Soldier the whole time of my service

6th 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.

Ans: I recollect General Jethro Sumner at Durham Hall's where I was stationed the last time and I think a Major Crawford but I am not certain. I do not recollect the name or number of any Continental or Militia Regiments whatever and I believe my Declaration sworn to this day in court here contains the general circumstances of my Service as much so at least as can give at this period of my age.

7th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I never received a discharge in writing

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.

Ans: The Rev. John Brooks, the Rev. Richard W. Cardwell, William Norvill, Esquire Stephen Murphree Esquire, Baxter Ragsdale and William McGraw.

[John Brooks, a clergyman, and William Norville gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition William Norville "further states upon his oath that the said Jesse Davis the above applicant was in the service of the United States as a Soldier, but how long he does not know."]