

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Azariah David S2503

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[Note: The original pension application is extremely difficult to read because the ink from one side of the page has substantially bled through to the other side and compromised the text. Consequently, the following transcription should be relied upon with great caution and more than the normal skepticism as to its possible accuracy, or, more likely inaccuracy.]

State of Tennessee Rhea County } Circuit Court September Term

Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Seventh District of Tennessee now sitting Azariah David a resident of the County of Rhea aforesaid & State aforesaid aged seventy-one 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. He entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers [indecipherable word or words] herein stated he was drafted & entered into Service in February 1779 for 2 months & 10 days -- Captain Abel [illegible last name]¹ under Lieutenant Colonel Lide [Lt. Col. Robert Lide] in South Carolina Cheraw District -- marched to James Island & then to Charleston, went to Hagards Point [sic, Haddrell's Point?] & received the British prisoners & started to Halifax, took sick at Cheraw served [text obliterated] 2 months & was discharged, and entered the service again as a volunteer in April 1779 under Captain Lambertson² marched to Cheraw Hill, the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Robert Lide then under command of Major General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] at the Black Swamp marched through Camden & to Orangeburg & forced march to Charleston. General Moultrie [William Moultrie] retreated to John's Island. The battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] was fought by Lincoln, he served 70 days in that Campaign & was discharged but has lost it. He entered the service again in February 1780 under Captain [name totally obliterated]³ & Evans Lieutenant Colonel George Hicks, & marched to Charleston & there quartered, was in the Siege of Charleston Major General Lincoln commanded, Scott, Woodford, Hogun of North Carolina, Brigade all Generals & General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] of the Militia Charleston surrendered on the 12th May [1780] & returned home to Cheraw, served 103 [? number written over and largely illegible except for the last digit] days in that Campaign afterwards in 1780 in August or September he volunteered to fight the Tories under Captain [name written over and illegible except for the last 3 letters appear

¹ Dr. Bobby Gilmer Moss in his South Carolina Patriots Roster says this veteran served under Capt. Abel Kolb.

² Dr. Moss read this name as Lem Benton [Lemuel Benton?].

³ ikely Captain Edmund Irby

to be "eny")⁴ -- served one month -- entered the service in October 1780 under Colonel Kolb Captain Jentz & Lambenton [Lemuel Benton] Lt. Col. Morris Murphey [Maurice Murphy] Major dislodged a party of British & Tories near Cheraw Hills -- Murphey defeated at Bass Mill⁵ marched to Pedee [River]; & marched to North Carolina & through the Country back to Pedee [River], 8 months service at that time guarded Prisoners at Long Bluff Jail -- entered again in service in 1781 under General Marion [Francis Marion] a volunteer, Major Thomas -- Captain Claudius Pegues, marched to Moncks Corner & Santee Swamps -- marched to Augusta -- had a skirmish near Edisto -- & then joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & marched to Eutaw Springs & was in the Battle at Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], Colonel Lea [sic, Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] was there Thomas Regiment was discharged & I was discharged -- 40 days service this campaign -- Entered again under Colonel Lambenton [Lemuel Benton], Col Kolb was killed by Tories & under Colonel Murphy, scouting parties [illegible] months, he entered under General Marion under Captain Alexander McIntosh stationed 20 miles from Charleston served 2 months & continued & scouting parties until peace was made perhaps in all 5 months -- his discharge he has lost the was discharged at Cheraw. He knows no person that he can prove his service by at present, he has no documentary evidence in his possession, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed this 24th day of September 1832

[I don't see any evidence of this having been signed at this point by the veteran but the page is so compromised that I cannot state that definitively.]

[John Condley, a clergyman, Allen Kennedy & John Locke gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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[Note: the following amendment to his declaration is much more legible than the original application.]

State of Tennessee Rhea County }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County of Rhea and State of Tennessee Azariah David who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith by way of amendment to his first declaration made in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 --

1st That he was drafted and entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in February 1779 in the Cheraw district South Carolina his officers were Captain Abel Kolb Lieutenant Colonel Lide served 2 months and was discharged by his officers which discharge is lost.

2nd On the first of April 1779 volunteered in the Cheraw district South Carolina his officers were Captain Lam Benton and Colonel Lide and the other officers he mentioned in his former declaration served 70 days and was discharged by his officers which is also lost.

3rd In February 1780 he volunteered as a private soldier in Cheraw district South Carolina his officers were Captain Irby, Lieutenant Evans and Colonel George Hicks and in Charleston was under the command of General Lincoln served 103 days was taken prisoner at Charleston and returned home on parole which parole he afterwards burnt

4th In August or September 1780 he volunteered as a private soldier in the Cheraw

⁴ Dr. Moss read this name as Deloney [Capt. Hal Delona].

⁵ August 1781. https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_basss_mill.html

district South Carolina his officer was Captain Deloney the company was raised for the purpose of protecting the settlement of the Cheraw's against the British and Tories. Served one month and was dismissed by his officer but got no discharge.

5th About the first of October 1780 volunteered in Cheraw district South Carolina his officers were Captain Jones [Edward Jones] Lieutenant Hudson Colonel Abel Kolb Lieutenant Colonel Lam Benton and Major Morris Murphy served 8 months and was dismissed by his officer got no discharge.

6th About the first of August 1780 volunteered as a private soldier in Cheraw district South Carolina his officers were Ensign Jean gives Lieutenant Edwards Captain Claudius Pegues. Joined General Marion at the Santee Swamps of Santee River served 40 days and was discharged by his officer which he has lost --

7th sometime in the fall or winter of the year 1781 volunteered as a private soldier in Cheraw district South Carolina his officers were Colonel Lam Benton Captain Hudson [Joseph Hudson] Lieutenant Edwards and Lieutenant Colonel Murphy this tour he thinks he served more but knows that he served not less than 3 months and was in active service marching in different parts of South Carolina to suppress the Tories was dismissed by his officer but got no discharge.

8th sometime in September 1782 volunteered as a private soldier in Cheraw district South Carolina his officers were Lieutenant Carol Captain Alexander McIntosh and under the command of General Marion served 2 months and was dismissed by his Officer got no discharge.

Declarant states that in his 7th tour as mentioned above he thinks he served about 6 months but is not certain but knows that he served 3 months as he has stated above. The 5 months tour mentioned in his first declaration which he has lived out in the amendment the length of time he cannot recollect and is willing to lose it. Declarant refers for the further particulars and general circumstances of his service and the battles that he was in 2 his first declaration and also states that he performed the greater part of his services in the State of South Carolina and in every tour which he served he was a private soldier.

Declarant states that he was acquainted with Generals Lincoln, Scott, Woodford, Hogun, Moultrie, McIntosh and Greene and Marion Colonel Campbell Lawrence [sic, probably Laurens] and count Pulaski and Colonel Washington besides the other officers mentioned in his declaration.

He has a copy of a record of his age in his possession taken from his father's Bible. He was born on the 14th day of March 1761 in the Cheraw district South Carolina where he resided until the revolutionary war then moved to Roan County Tennessee from there to Rhea County Tennessee where he now resides and has resided for the last 24 years -- all the discharges he ever received has been lost or mislaid. He never received a commission having never served in any other capacity than a private soldier. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his services in the revolution. Declarant states that he is acquainted in his present neighborhood with John Conly a clergyman and John Locke the clerk of the Circuit Court and Allen Kenneday who can certify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution whose certificate is annexed to his first declaration and for all further particulars he refers to his first declaration.

Declarant also states that he was in active service in each of the 8 tours that he has mentioned some times against the British and sometimes against the Tories, having been in each tour called into service by competent authority and was in an embodied corps in South Carolina as above stated.

Azariah David

To the Public Treasurers of the
State of South Carolina
Certified by me this 5 Day
of June 1786
S/ Thos. Evans, JP

[p 7: Printed form of Indent No. 159 Book N]

[p 8: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement]

I do Endorse the within Indent of Four pounds twelve Shillings & ten pence Sterling to Thomas Evans Esquire for Value Received by me this 7th day of March 1788

S/ Azariah David

These are to Certify that Azariah David sign the above in my Presence

S/ Claudius Pegues, JP

I do Endorse the within Indent of Four pounds
twelve Shillings & ten pence Sterling to
Thomas Evans Esq for Value Received by me
the 7th day of March 1788 Azariah David
These are to Certify that Azariah David
Signed the above in my Presence.
Claudius Pegues JP