

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Davenport S2507

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State of North Carolina Lenoir County}SS. Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term
1832

On the third day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the ___ now sitting, William Davenport of said County, who will be seventy eight years of age on the 15 day of June next, who 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 seventh, 1832. He volunteered in the militia service in New Bern North Carolina in the year of ___ in a company commanded by Sears Stephenson [sic, Silas Ayres Stevenson] Captain and William Heritage [sic, William Herritage] Lieut. which company belonged to a Regiment commanded by Col. Dawson from thence he marched to Wilmington NC where he remained for three months as a guard and was then discharged --

He was then drafted in Pitt County, in the militia service and attached to a company commanded by Captain Bryan [Hardy Bryan] which company belonged to a Regiment commanded by Col. Simpson [John Simpson] from Pitt he marched to New Bern NC -- Thence to Wilmington NC where remained as a guard for three months and was then discharged.

He then volunteered in the nine months service, in a company commanded by Captain John Bryan in Craven County -- then he marched to Halifax NC where he was placed under the command of Captain Michael Quin [sic, Michael Quinn] and Lieut. McNeese [John McNeese] which company belonged to a Regiment commanded by Col. James Hogan [sic, James Hogun]. From Halifax he marched under command of Captain Quinn through Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey to a place called West Point on the North River in the State of New York where he arrived in the month of August and was engaged in building and repairing the Fort and barracks at that place till sometime about the first of December when he was marched from West Point to Philadelphia, where he arrived two days before Christmas and went into winter quarters. The snow being so deep in this march that we could only march about eight miles a day from Philadelphia he marched to New York, thence he sailed to Suffolk in Virginia, from thence he marched to Halifax where he was discharged after a service of nine months. He further states that his discharges have been consumed by fire. He further states that his nine months service can be proved by Richard Daughety whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Lewis C. Desmond, Clerk

S/ William Davenport, X his mark

We, Richard Daugherty residing in Lenoir County, State of North Carolina, and John Cox residing in said County, hereby Certify, that we are well acquainted with William Davenport who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be 78 years of age; that he is reputed and believed to have been a Soldier of the Revolution; and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed, the three day of October A.D. 1832

S/ Lewis C. Desmond, Clerk

S/ Richard Dunghety,¹ R his mark

S/ John Cox

Richard Dunghety
mark
J. John Cox

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[Henry Heath, a clergyman of the Baptist denomination gave another standard supporting affidavit.]

To the following all the answers made by W. Davenport to the several interrogatories² required by the Department in order to obtain a pension

1st I was born in Pitt County North Carolina in the [year] 1755 June 15th.

2. I have no record of my age owing to its being consumed with my house by fire --

3. I was living in Pitt County when called into service -- then Craven County -- During a part of the revolution I lived in the Army as [indecipherable word] set forth -- from that time till the present I have lived in Lenoir where I now live -- In the first Tour I volunteered in the second I became the substitute of Hugh Pugh. The regular officers that I remember were General James Hogun, George Washington who frequently came to West Point when I with about 1800 militia and about 1100 regulars was stationed. The Regiment was the ninth. I refer you to Henry Heath, John Cox, David Page, Oliver Herring, Evan Williams, Arthur Cunningham, John Parker & a great many others who can testify to my veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of

¹ I could find no one with the first name Richard and with said last name remotely like any of the various spellings of his name as given in this file who filed for a federal pension claiming service in the revolutionary war in the North Carolina Continental line.

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

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

7th 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.]

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S/ W. Davenport, Q his mark

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State of North Carolina Lenoir County} Court of pleas & quarter Sessions April Term 1833

On the first day of April in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Jonathan Rouse, P. Hardy, C. Mills & W. C. Loflin Justices of said Court being a court of record, and then sitting, William Davenport, and made the following statement & proofs, as an amendment to the within declaration and proof being previously duly sworn according to law for that purpose. He does not recollect the period or periods of the war during which he served, more then as set forth in the within declaration. He is very old, infirm and entirely without education -- for his regular service he refers to the affidavit of Richard Daugherty & John Cox and for a part of his militia services he refers to the affidavit of David Kennedy hereto annexed attested by W C Loflin Justice of the peace for Lenoir County North Carolina. He has no other proof whatever of his services, then the said affidavits.

He further states, that he might have had the separate affidavit of Richard Daugherty as to his Continental service but was under the impression that his foregoing certificate would be sufficient proof of his services and the reason why he does not now obtain that certificate is that he is informed and believes that said Daugherty is either dead or in such a low state of health that his deposition cannot well be taken.

Sworn in open Court.

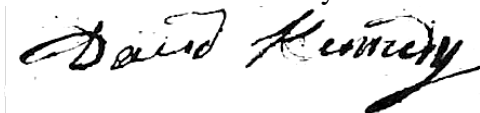
S/ Wm Davenport, [X] his mark

David Kennedy³ on oath says that William Davenport and himself turned out at a General Muster in New Bern as volunteers and marched to Wilmington and there served as a guard for the term for about forty days under General Caswell [Richard Caswell] as commander and Silas Ayres Stevenson as Captain.

The above was sworn and subscribed to March the 18th 1833

Test: S/ W. C. Loflin, JP

S/ David Kennedy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Kennedy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ David Kennedy".

[Veteran was pages at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia.]

³ [David Kennedy S8782](#)