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Pension application of William Davis S31158

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State of Alabama Greene County: Personally appeared in open Court this 22nd of September 1832 before Anderson Crenshaw the Judge of the Circuit Court Greene County now sitting William Davis a resident of the County & State aforesaid of the age of seventy-one years the 17th day of February next, 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 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated -- this he was born the 17th of February 1762 in Richmond County Virginia before the war he was removed to North Carolina to Granville County where he lived until he entered the service which was as a volunteer & as well as he now recollects the fall of 1780. It was at any rates in the fall before the Battle at Guilford Court house he found his own horse & arms & entered the service under Capt. John Henderson the commander of a horse company his Lieut. was by the name of Henry Criswell & his Cornet by the name of Sharod Harris this company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Malmady [sic, Malmedy] (a Frenchman) & Major Samuel Henderson & there was an officer called Baron De (something) the balance of that name he cannot recollect. He was mostly called Major De Barron -- under the above named Company officers he was engaged in scouting parties until some short time before the Battle at Guilford Court house when the whole Regiment joined General Greene at a place called the Indian Graves Hill in Orange County North Carolina near the Virginia line with him we remained several days when Malmady's Regiment was ordered down through Guilford County after some detachment of the enemy who avoided our advance by some means. On our return & when within about fourteen miles of Guilford Courthouse we heard the firing commenced & pushed forward at a brisk gait and arrived just about the time the retreat of Greene's Army took place after the engagement was over & General Greene commenced his pursuit of Cornwallis the horse under the command of Col. Malmady were ordered in front & at Ramsey's Mill we overtook the British & charged on the rear guard of Cornwallis Army & took four prisoners & got two of our men slightly wounded this was the first skirmish this applicant was in, from this place this applicant & his Company under the officers aforesaid were detached & sent around in advance of the enemy to a place called Cross Creek now Fayetteville for the purpose of Destroying some provisions & ammunition which they effected & made our escape. From this place we returned to Granville & recruited our horses for three or four days then we were marched down to Halifax North Carolina by the way of Enfield Court house near which we took to British Prisoners & within two miles of Halifax we took two British Dragoons & two Tories, from Halifax we returned to Granville to a little village called Williamsborough where General Butler [John Butler] with his force at that time lay, here a court martial was held & the

two Tories above mentioned were sentenced & hung, after remaining at General Butler's Headquarters some time perhaps one or two months General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] with a considerable force joined Butler some time after the arrival of Rutherford the whole Army marched for Wilmington North Carolina situated near the mouth of the Cape Fear [River] where the British had a fortification Commanded as well as he recollects by a Col. Craig [sic, Major James Craig] -- here Butler & Rutherford encamped within some distance of the Fort & sent out detachments in every direction for the purpose of cutting off supplies & about two weeks after their arrival this applicant was sent with a detachment of about four hundred men under a Major Moulton or Moultrie to a short River called Lockwood's folly where we encamped & remained until late in the winter after the British had all left that section of the Country, from this we were marched back to Granville Court house & discharged some time late in January 1782 he here received a written discharge but what has become of it he does not know it has been lost or mislaid for a long time about four years after the war he removed to Elbert County Georgia, twelve years after he removed from Elbert to Abbeville district South Carolina eight years after this he removed back to Elbert in the State of Georgia again where he remained until 1822 when he removed to Greene County Alabama where he now resides he has a family register of his age copied from his father's family register -- he states that Col. John B. Smyth, Esquire Philemon Buford & the Rev. Edmund Pace with many others have been acquainted with him for some time the two former for near thirty years & the latter for seven or eight years they he thinks can testify of his character for veracity & their belief of his services in the revolution -- he states that he does not remember any one living by which he can prove his actual services in that war & he believes all the questions propounded to him by the court are fully answered in the foregoing declaration. 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 the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

Attest: S/ James Yeates, Clerk

S/ William Davis

[Col. John B. Smyth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Edmund Pace, a clergyman, & Philemon Buford also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in the file: in 1840, the veteran moved with his son from Alabama to Shreveport, Louisiana. One Thomas L. Davis was living in the same parish, Caddo, in 1840 that his relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]