

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Davies (Davis) S3256

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State of Tennessee Bledsoe County} County Court August Sessions 1832

On this 15th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Bledsoe County now sitting being a court of Record Andrew Davies a resident of Bledsoe County and State of Tennessee, aged seventy-five 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.

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 volunteer, in the Waxhaw Settlements in South Carolina about the first of November 1775 under Captain John Barkley [John Barclay] Colonel Richason [sic, Richard Richardson] had the Command of the Regiment. Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] afterwards General Sumter was Adjutant General. He marched to headquarters at Wynnsboroug [sic, Winnsborough] and from there he marched to Columbia and from there to the Cherokee boundary and from there he returned home and was discharged by Colonel Richason about the first of January 1776 having been in the service about 2 months.¹

On about the first of May 1776 he was drafted in the Waxhaw Settlements in South Carolina and belonged to the South Carolina Militia was under Captain Robert Crawford Colonel Richason had the command of the Regiment and marched to the City of Charleston. He was in Charleston at the time of the battle of Sullivan's Island but was not in the battle.² Marched home under Captain Crawford who discharged him some time in July 1776 having been in service about 2 months.

Sometime in June 1777 he enlisted in the regular Service under Captain James Patigree [sic, James Pettigrew] Colonel Samuel Jack was Colonel and Colonel William Ferrel was Lieutenant Colonel. The Regiment to which he belonged was called minuit [minute] troops. They were sent to guard the frontiers of Georgia. He served twelve months and two weeks and was regularly discharged by the colonels of the Regiment either in June or July 1778.

Sometime in the summer of 1779 in the Waxhaw Settlement in South Carolina he volunteered. He was under Captain Robert Davis, William Davis was his Major marched through divers parts of the State recollects being at a place called the Rocky Mount having been in the service for some time more than four months he quit the service by consent of his officers

¹ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html ?

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

but got no discharge. He went home sometime in the fall of 1779.

Sometime in the fall of 1780 he volunteered in the horse company in Lincoln County North Carolina under Captain Samuel M. Martin, Joseph Dickson was his Major was in 2 or 3 small skirmishes with the Tories was discharged by Major Joseph Dickson a few days before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]. He remained with the Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] until after the battle at Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina and returned home in March 1781, was in the service something over 3 months. He lost all his discharges in his house which was burnt about two years after the war. He was acquainted with General Andrew Jackson from his boyhood until he left that section of Country. He states that he was born in the year 1756 on the 24th day of December in the Waxhaw Settlement near on the line between North and South Carolina in the same section of Country until he was 47 years old and from there he moved into Iredell County North Carolina remained there 4 years and from there he moved into Rutherford County in the State of Tennessee remained there about 18 months and removed from there to Warren County in the State of Tennessee where he remained about 17 years and from there he removed to Bledsoe County Tennessee and lived here some time more than 4 years. He states that he has a record of his age which makes him 75 years old last December it is preserved in a Westminster Confession of Faith which he has at his house.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Andrew Davies

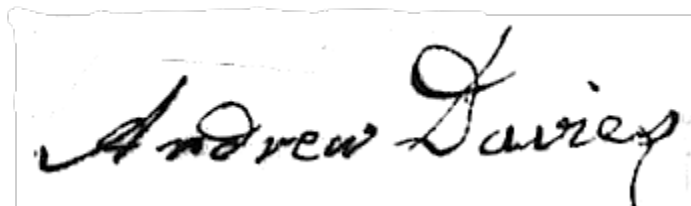
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[William D. Carns, a clergyman, James Standefer (a member of Congress), Adam Lamb, David Gilbreath and Thomas P. Kelly gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Declarant also states that he is known to William D. Carns a Clergyman resident of Bledsoe County and to James Standefer representative in Congress, Adam Lamb & Thomas P. Kelly merchant in said County and David Gilbreath who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: February the 11th 1833

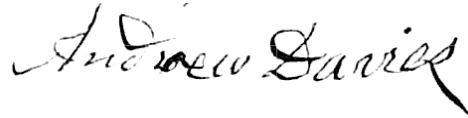
Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a justice of the peace in and for the County of Bledsoe aforesaid, Andrew Davis [sic] who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that

he has no documentary evidence of his service as a soldier of the revolution, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to it. He further states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grade. For two a years I served as a private soldier & for such service I claim a pension.

Subscribed & sworn to before me the date above

S/ Jonathan Whiteside, JP

S/ Andrew Davies

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum; in 1845, the veteran is referred to as being of Benton County, Alabama. The file contains no family data.]