

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Davidson S3272

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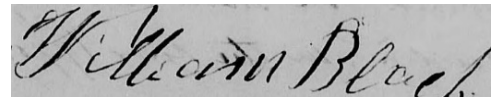
State of Tennessee } Cir Court Sept. Term 1832
Humphreys County }

On this 17th day of Sept 1832 personally in open Court Abraham Davidson a resident of said County & State of Tennessee aged 77 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 provision of an act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. That he entered into that Service of the United States in the year 1781 under the following officers Capt Billy Dicks [sic: William Dix], under the Command of General [Robert] Lawson; He entered the service as Malitiaman in Pttsvania [sic: Pittsylvania] County Virginia, in the month of Sept 1781. And from there he marched to Little york where he remained untill the Surrender Wallace [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]. he then went as a Guard to the Prisoners to Nowlins Ferry on the Patomac [sic: Nolands Ferry on Potomac River] where the Prisoners were delivered up to the Maryland troops but he dos not recollect who their officers were. He states that on this rout his Capt (Dicks) was taken sick and left behind and he was placed under the Command of Capt Charles Williams, on their return about six miles from Leesburg he got his discharge but what has become of his discharge he dos not now know. He states that before this service was rendered, in the year 1778 he entered as a volunteer under the Command of Capt John Donnolson [sic: John Dollison], against the Indians. He volunteered in the County of Pittsvania. [William] Preston was his Col'l. He marched from there to New River at Halfields fort [sic: Hatfield's Fort on New River at the mouth of Stony Creek near present Pearisburg in Giles County] where they remaind untill his time of servise expire of three months & got a a discharge, but he has also lost or mislaid it, after a servise of six moths. He also under the Command of Capt William Bohannon and Christy [Col. William Christian]. He was in the battle faught at the Long Island of Holston, he think in the year 1777 [sic: 20 Jul 1776]. He dos not recollect this Campaign so minutely, but he dos recollect that it was called Christy Campain. In all he served the united States about eighteen months, as a volunteer & malitiaman. He hereby relinquishes evry claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declairs, that his name is not on the pention rool of the agency of any state or Territory

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William Black aged about 67 years states upon oath that he was in the service with Abreham Davidson in the same Company at the Seage of York that he served with him & was personally acquainted with him their, and is now and lives whithin a feiw miles of him that, and that I belevie him to be of the age stated, that he is reputed and belived in the neighbourhood to have been a souldier of the revolution And I do concur in that opinion

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In addition to the accompanying declaration heretofore made by him in the Circuit Court of Humphreys County Abraham Davidson personally appeared before the County Court of Humphreys at their April Sessions 1833 & being sworn according to law, makes the following additional Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7th 1832 – he declares that in the first campaign against the Cherokees in the year 1777 he enlisted during the War with the Cherokees under Capt. Capt. Bohannon & was attached to the Regiment of Col. Christie marched not only to new River but to the Cherokee towns on the Tennessee River. he left home in Feby

1777 & returned home about the same time in the year 1778, the precise time he does not recollect but believes it to have been at least twelve months from the time he left home until his return – the second Campaign as above stated when the battle was fought at long Island on Holston he served three months – in the Third Campaign as above stated to Norfolk when Cornwallis was taken, from the time he left home until his return home was about three months & a half – he having engaged to serve three months – making in all at least Eighteen months service

he further declares that he was born in Guilford County North Carolina & his parents removed when he was verry young to Hallifax County in Virginia & he continued there during the war which was afterwards made Pittsylvania [Pittsylvania formed from Halifax County in 1766] & until he removed to Dickson County Tennessee in the year 1805 where he remained three years & then removed to Humphrys County where he has ever since resided & still resides – that he was born on the 22nd day of October 1755 as informed by his parents & as he believes he has no record of his age nor never had any & he also declares upon oath that the annexed declaration made in the Circuit Court is true

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