

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Davis S35876

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Kentucky } SS
County of Hopkins }

John Davis aged seventy five years of the County & State aforesaid states, that he was a soldier of the Revolution, that on the 5th day of February 1776 in Bedford County in the State of Virginia he enlisted under Capt Gross Scruggs for two years in the 5th Virginia Regiment, that s'd. Regiment was then commanded by Colonel [William] Peachy, that shortly after he enlisted Colo. Peachy resigned the command of s'd. 5th Regiment and the late General Charles Scott was appointed to the command thereof, that in May or June 1777 he was detached from said Regiment and placed under the command of Colonel Daniel Morgan then at Head Quarters at Middle Brook in the State of New Jersey, that he continued to serve under Morgan until the term for which he enlisted expired which was on the 5th day of February 1778 when he was honorably discharged at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania that he has lost his discharge which was signed by William Russell at that time the Colonel commandant of Gen'l. [Peter] Muhlenberg's Brigade, he was at the surrender of Burgoyne [17 Oct 1777] and contributed his feeble aid in his Capture, that he was appointed a Sergeant immediately after he enlisted by Capt Scruggs & acted in that capacity throughout his term of service that he knows of no person within reach by whom he can fully prove his services that more than twenty years ago he unfortunately lost his little property, that he is now from age and infirmity unable to labor and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

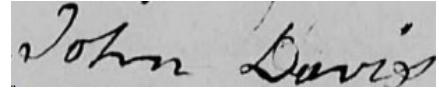
12 May 1828



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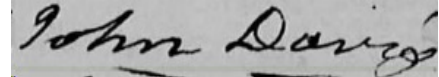
On this 13th day of October 1828 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record so constituted by the Law establishing the same for the County of Hopkins aforesaid John Davis resident in said County aged Seventy Six years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. that he the said John Davis enlisted for the term of Two Years on the 5th day of February 1776 in Bedford County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Gross Scruggs in the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Peachy at that time (that Shorety after he enlisted Colonel Peachy resigned the command, and the late General Charles Scott was appointed to the command thereof), in the Line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that in May or June in the year 1777 he was detached from said Regiment and placed under the command of Colonel Daniel Morgan then at Head Quarters at Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey, that he continued to serve under Colonel Morgan until the term for which he enlisted expired, which was on the 5th day of February 1778 when he was discharged from the service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania, that he has lost his discharge which was signed by William Russell at that time Colonel Commandant of General Muhlenburg's Brigade, that he was appointed a Sergeant immediately after he enlisted under Captain Scruggs and acted in that capacity throughout his term of service that he knows of no person within his reach by whom he can fully prove his services. that more than twenty years ago he unfortunately lost his little property, that he is now from age and infirmity unable to labour and stands in need of the assistance of his country for a support that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the Roll of any State except Virginia and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that since the loss of his property he has resided in the family of his Brother Thomas Davis, that until this time his services in the

management of his Brothers business were considered equivalent to his Board and clothing. that ill health and the infirmities of age have now rendered him incapable of performing the same services, and that it is solely upon the Charity of his Brother he subsists. that he is by profession a Farmer but is unable to follow it, that he has no family never having been married

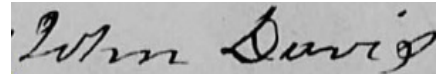


And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

"No Property of any description real personal or mixed"
October 13th 1828



That since the 18th day of March 1818 no changes in my property have taken place, for since that time I have had none, nor had I any at that time
October 13th 1828



The following is a Schedule of the estate &c. of John Davis who is confined in the Jail bounds of Hopkins County for debt at the instance of Caleb Hall (to wit)

Cash \$ — 67 cts
Hopkins County Sct.

We Thomas G. Davis & William Wilson Justices of the peace for said County do certify that this day John Davis who is confined in the prison bounds of said County for debt at the instance of Caleb Hall present to us the foregoing Schedule and that he took the insolvent debtors oath agreeably to law.

Given under our hands the 3rd May 1817. Thos. G. Davis JP/ Wm Wilson JP
[Copies certified 17 Oct 1828.]

NOTE: A paper in the file reads, "Died Aug 13, 1829." The first application was supported by the deposition of Nancy (Ann) Davis, 73, widow of the applicant's brother, Richard Davis, and by Thomas Davis, 72.