

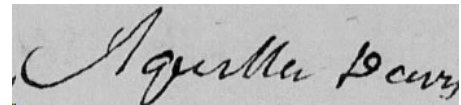
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Aquilla Davis S35882                      VA  
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Sangamon County     }

Personally appeared me before John Reynolds [one] of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of I[li]nois, Aquilla Davis aged sixty seven years, who be[ing] by me duly sworn deposed & saith, that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of march 1781 he was drafted in to a compan[y] in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col[onel] Posey Said Company commanded by Leiuts. Robert Cra[d]dock and Luke Cannon that he continued to serv[e] in said Regiment & Company for the space of Eighteen months from when he was discharged at Cumberland Old Court House in the State of Virginia. That abo[ut] three or four years ago he made an application for a pension then living in the State of Kentucky [and] obtained by order of the war department the certificate of his commanding officer Leut Craddock which was forwarded to Washington with his application since which he has not heard from same. And this deponent further says that he is in poor and indigent circumstances unable to support himself and family. That his residence is in Sangamon County State of Illinois.  
Sworn before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1822



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Sangamon County

On this twenty second day of April 1824 personally appeared in open Court, (being the Circuit Court for the County of Sangamon and a Court of record) Aquilla Davis aged sixty eight 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 that he the said Aquilla Davis was drafted into the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the State of Virginia on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781 in the company commanded by Leiut. Robert Craddock & Leiut. Luke Cannon in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Posey in the line of the State of Virginia on the Virginia Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps untill the expiration of Eighteen months being in the month of November or December 1782 when he was discharged from the said service at Cumberland Old Court House in the State of Virginia. That he was in a battle above Savannah at a place near Gibbons Swamp [probably at Widow Gibbons's Mills near Sharon GA, 24 May 1782] – that he has no other evidence of his service now in his power, except the certificate of Leut. Craddock of the fact of said service which was forwarded to the proper office at Washington, but which he expects is now lost.

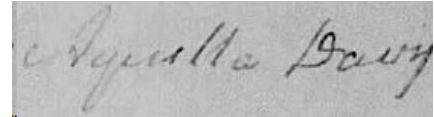
And in pursuance of the act of 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 – viz.

1 Table value	\$4.00
7 chairs do	3.50

1 10 Gallon kettle value	\$3.00
1 4 do pot "	1.00
1 1 do do "	.75
1 Skettel with top	<u>.50</u>
	\$12.75

No real estate of any description.

That I have a wife aged about fifty seven years who is very infirm, three boys one of which is almost insane, and two others the one aged about twenty five years who lives away from home but who in great measure supports my family, & the other is in his Eighteenth year, who is also able to do something for my support. One daughter in her twenty second year, who is able to do the domestic business of the House – that for some time past my occupation has been a schoolmaster, but am now to old to persue that business.



NOTE: There is also an application dated 14 Oct 1822 that is essentially the same as that of 1824, except that Aquilla Davis is said to be 67, his wife is said to be 55, and his daughter is said to be 20.