

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Avis S38509

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State of Virginia

Jefferson County Sct

On this 20th Day of April 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid Robert Avis - resident in said County aged seventy four 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 March 1818 & the 1st May 1820 - that He the said Avis enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the seventh day of March in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. William Dark [William Darke] in the [Eighth] Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment that He continued to serve in the said Corps untill the month of June 1777 when He was discharged from the service in the State of North Carolina 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 & that the following are the reasons for not makeing earlier application for a Pension

as I was told that my application would be shut out because I had a little property - but which has continued to diminish for the support of a dependant Female Family, untill nothing is left but the House hereby appraised - & that I am now reduced in my old age, & must suffer for the necessaries of life. I have four Daughters all dependant on me

I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818 & 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 & naval service of the U. States, in the Revolutionary war, passed on the 18th March 1818, & 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 & by me subscribed.

Viz House & Lot in the Town of Bolivar Jeff. Cty, appraised to be worth between five & six Hundred Dollars

Since the 18th March 1818 no changes have been made in any property except the sale of some personal for common support

signed Robert Avis

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Jeff. Ct'y Sct.

On this 12th Day of January 1829 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid, Lewis Ronemus & made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that He knew Robert Avis of this County now an applicant for a pension dureing & ever since the Revolution & that the said Avis did serve with Him in the same Company against the Common Enemy for at least Twelve Months on the continental establishment in the Company commanded by Capt. William Darke in the Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Muhlenburgh & that in His opinion the said Avis does merit & is a proper subject for the munificence of our Common Country

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On this 12th Day of January 1829 Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid Philip Engle & made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God - that He knew Robert Avis dureing the Revolution knew Him in the Continental service for at least the period of Twelve Months & that He served in the Company commanded by Capt. Wm. Darke in the Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Muhlenburgh in the line of the State of Virginia & that He had the reputation of a correct & faithful soldier, has ever since

maintained the character of an Honest sober & meritorious citizen - is poor & now asks a pittance of that provision made by His Country for those who fought Her Battles - His I conceive every way a case for relief

A true and correct estimate of Mr. Robert Avis's property as reported by us on the 3^d day of March 1832.

The House & Lot Mr. Avis resides in	\$200.
The Red Hose [House] & Lot	200.
“ Long House & Lot	150.
“ Sweeney[?] Lot & House	<u>50.</u>
Henry Studer	\$600.00
Stephen Root	

The amount of Mr. Robert Avises debts as reported by him - March 3^d 1832.

To Amos Jenney Dr. By note	\$90.00
To William Anderson By note	90.00
To Joseph L Russle By note	40.00
To Wm. Anderson By Acc't	52.00
To Three Doctor's Bills	300.00
To sundry debts for teaching my Children	<u>20.00</u>
	\$592.00

NOTE: On 22 Sep 1834 administrators of Avis's estate applied for his pension from the last scheduled payment up to the date of his death, 15 June 1834.