

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Davis S39403

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At a court of quarterly sessions held for Mathews County at the court house of said county on monday the eleventh day of May in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and of our independance the 42nd, John Davis appeared before the court and made oath that he enlisted in the revolutionary war in Captain Charles Tompkies [W6304] company as a solder in the year 1776 in the 7th Virginia regiment upon continental establishment for the term of five years, that he regularly served out the said term, but that his certificate of discharge has since been lost or mislaid so that he cannot now produce it to the court, and that his sole dependance for the support of himself and family is from his own personal labour and that from his advanced stage of life and reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support, which is ordered to be certified by this court, and it is the opinion of the court that the said John Davis served nine months at one period on the continental establishment and is in reduced circumstances and requires the assistance of the country for support.

Given under my hand and seal as presiding magistrate of said court the 11th May 1818

[signed] Wm H Ransone

State of Virginia }

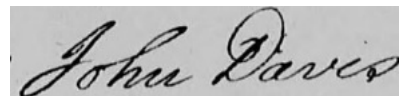
Mathews County S.S. }

On this tenth day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the said county expressly made so by the laws of said state, John Davis aged sixty three years, resident in said county, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows; “that he enlisted in captain Charles Tompkies Company as a Soldier in the year 1776 in the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded at first by Colo. Dangerfield [sic: William Daingerfield] and then by Colo Clennahan or McClennahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan VAS2033] upon continental establishment for the term of five years and that he regularly served out the said term; that the date of his original declaration is the 11th day of May 1818 and that he has received a pension certificate No. 12560.

And 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 person 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 whatever.”

my age is 63 years, occupation a caulker and from age and loss of eye sight cannot pursue it at all, my wife Nancy aged upwards of 50 years unable to contribute very little towards her support, I have two children living with me, namely Rose about 22 years of age and Harriott aged 20 years, able to support themselves.



[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I William Diggs of the County of Mathews and State of Virginia do hereby certify and declare that I was well acquainted with John Davis formerly of that part of Gloucester County called Kingston parish now constituting Mathews County the said John Davis enlisted under Capt Charles Tompkins in the year 1776 in the continental line in the Revolutionary War and said John Davis marched from the County and did not return until the close of the war When all the troops were discharged he then returned home to this his native County as witness my hand and seal this the 9th day of July in the year 1835

John Brown Jun^r

[signed] John Deggs

To The Honourable Littleton Waller Tazwell [sic: Tazewell]

Governor of Virginia

The memorial of John W Davis Rosy Foster who was Rosy Davis Harriette Matthews who was Harriette Davis Joice Owen who was Joice Davis of the County of Mathews and state of Virginia that these are the children and only heirs of John Davis that they claim to be entitled to Bounty Land in right of said John Davis that said John Davis was a resident of Kingston Parish then a part of Gloucester now constituting Mathews County that during the Revolutionary War in the year 1776 he enlisted under Capt Charles Tompkins as a soldier in the Continental Line and was attached to the 7th Virginia Regiment which was first commanded by Colo. Dangerfield and then by Colo. Clanaham or McClanahan and served 5[?] years as I have all ways heard him say and believe.

Your memorialists verily believe that John Davis never received the Land Bounty to which he was entitled and pray that their claim to the same may be agreed into by your Honour In testimony of the foregoing facts they have hereunto subscribed their names this 13th day of July in the year 1835

John W Davis/ William Foster for Mary Davis and Jams Mathews for Harriett Davis

Joice herXmark Davis/ forris hisXmark Owen

The Deposition of John W Davis of Lawful age who being first duly sworn [several illegible words] he knows John Davis who entered as a [several undeciphered words] as a Sergeant the [undeciphered word] in the War of the Revolution and that he always understood from the sd. Davis, until the time of his death that he had never Received the Land Bounty to which he was entitled, for his services and that he had never sold nor Conveyed his right to the same to no person whatever and I do not Believe that his heirs have Received any thing for his services nor conveyed their right to Bounty

Given from under my hand and seal this 10th day of Jun 1839. [signed] John H Davis

The Deposition of Hugh Hudgens [Hugh Hudgins S10884] of the County of Mathews aged 76 years who being first duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty god Deposeth and sayeth that he knew John Davis decd who served as a private but was promoted to a Sergeant in the Continental Line in the war of the Revolution, being an intimate acquaintance of the said John Davis and frequently conversing with him, have always understood from him that he had never Received the Land Bounty to which he was Entitled and that he had never made any sale of the same to any person what ever nor neither do I believe that his heirs have, made any sale to the same they have never received any thing from the state of Virginia or the united states for the services of the said John Davis and as fore said to my knowledge Given from under my hand and seal this 10th day of June 1839.



Rejected March 23 1840/ DC [Gov. David Campbell]

NOTE: On 13 July 1818 John Davis assigned power of attorney to Maj. Christopher Tompkins to obtain his pension. A document in the file states that John Davis died on 4 March 1825.