

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cyrus Davis S41500

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State of North Carolina Granville County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1819

Personally appeared in open Court Cyrus Davis who being duly sworn made the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Pension allowed by the late act of Congress to persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war (to wit) That he was enlisted in the County of Granville on the 29th April 1776 by Capt. William Glover in the 6th Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Col. Gideon Lamb to serve for 2 years and a half -- That he was afterwards transferred to Capt. Donoho's [Thomas Donoho] company in said Regiment that he continued to serve in said Company or in the Service of the United States until the night September 1778 when he was discharged -- That he was in the Battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777], of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and sundry other small skirmishes -- That he has no other means of proving his said service but the Certificate of the Secretary of State of North Carolina which is sent in with this affidavit -- That he is in reduced circumstances in life & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 9th Day of May A.D. 1819

S/ Cyrus Davis, X his mark

[Gideon Davis gives a supporting affidavit as to the reduced circumstances of the applicant.]

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Names & the rank Companies Dates of commission & enlistments Periods of Services Occurances

6th Regiment Gideon Lamb Col.

Cyrus Davis Cpl., Donoho's 29th of April 76 2 1/2 years private June 78 discharged 9th Sept. 78

North Carolina Secretary's Office 14th of November 1818

This certifies that the above is a true abstract taken from the muster roll of the North Carolina Continental line in the revolutionary war.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina Granville County

On this 8th Day of August A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record held for the County & State aforesaid Cyrus Davis who being first duly sworn according

to law doth on his oath declare that he served during the A revolutionary War two & a half years on Continental Establishment and that certificate Number 16714 has issued to him in pursuance of his original Declaration now on file in War Department.

And in pursuance of the act of the first 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 Viz 1 Negro Fellow aged 30 years, 190 acres of land valued at \$2 per acre, seven whites in family myself aged 62 years & that of my wife 40 years five small children the oldest being about 12 years of age -- the names of my children are Frances [could be Francis, but there is no dot above the applicable letter, but then again there is no loop in it either] aged 12 years [illegible, looks like "Leocha" or "Liocher"]¹ aged 9 years Bethea 7 years, Jackson 4 years Alfred 3 years

I have also 2 horses -- 12 head of cattle 9 head of sheep 24 head of hogs

Given under my hand & Sealed the day and year above written.

S/ Cyrus Davis, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 9th day of August A.D. 1820

S/ Step. K. Sneed, Clk.

[This file contains several letters in what purports to be the handwriting of Cyrus Davis himself—spelling very imaginative; handwriting very rough.]

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State of North Carolina Granville County

Cyrus Davis Senior a Citizen of the County and State aforesaid makes oath That he is in his seventy second year of age enjoys tolerably good health, but is unable from a very severe attack of the Palsy, to eat, or drank, without assistance. That he is further unable, from a rupture in both sides as well as from general debility, and infirmity attendant on persons of his age, to do but little labor -- By a second marriage he has 2 daughters, about 14, & 12 years of age, and 2 sons, about 10 & 8 years old; The increased burden & Expense of his rising family increased by his own weakness & incapacity to provide the means of support for them, has caused him to incur expenses and contract debts which has gradually diminished his little substance to so little that he is constrained to cast himself upon the Bounty of his Country for support.

The Service he has rendered and proof of it is already on file in the proper department of the General government -- Since the suspension of his claim which was granted on the 17th of April 1820, He has been constrained to part with a small tract of land for which he received \$250. And an only Negro man for which he received \$350.

This money has been applied to the pavement of debts necessarily contracted in the support of his family; for which every sent has been applied to that purpose. Another old Negro

¹ *Leocha*

man which he then owned has since died. He further declares that the following is a list of all the property which he owns viz

2 Beds & furniture worth	\$20.00
1 Bay Mare do	30.00
3 Sows & 7 Shoats	7.50
10 head of Sheep	12.50
3 cows & Calves	28.00
and one yearling	<u>3.00</u>
	\$103.00

S/ Cyrus Davis Senior, X his mark

This day personally appeared in open Court Cyrus Davis Senior who being duly sworn according to law maketh oath that the facts stated in the foregoing affidavit are true 10th day of August 1827.

S/ Step. K. Sneed, Clk

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State of North Carolina County of Granville: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1828

On this the 6th day of November 1828 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record which proceeds according to the course of the Common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeps a record of their proceedings and have power of fine and imprisonment Cyrus Davis Senior a resident of said County aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath everything that in the city gone about as far as 2nd make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Cyrus Davis enlisted for the term of 2 & 1/2 years on Sunday he the precise day he is unable to state for the reason hereafter stated in April 1776 in the company commanded by Capt. Phill Taylor in the State of North Carolina in Granville County at Oxford in said County in the Regiment commanded by Col. William Taylor in the line of the state of North Carolina on the land Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Corps until sometime in August 1778 the precise day he is unable to state but he believes that he was discharged some months before the full expiration of his term of service that he was wounded in the foot at the battle of Germantown by a bayonet that as soon as he was able to use his foot he joined the Army and was in the battle of Monmouth from thence he was ordered to the White Plains in New York but during this time being an invalid and unable to perform his regular duty and the prospect being that he would not be able to perform service during the balance of the term of his enlistment he was at that place discharged sometime in the month of August 1778 but the precise day he is not able to state that he preserved his discharge for many years until it was worn out and became perfectly illegible and destroyed from near use. The wound before mentioned was from a bayonet which entered his left foot on the uppermost part and pierced through the foot all its length to the heel.

S/ Cyrus Davis, Senior, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court the 5th of November 1828

S/ Step. K. Sneed, Clk

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State of North Carolina County of Granville: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1828

This day personally appeared in open Court Cyrus Davis Senior who maketh oath that schedule of his property rendered at August Term 1827 of this Court was correct, that since that time the said property has been sold with the exception of the bed and furniture which is exempted by law from execution for the purpose of satisfying his just creditors and that the said bed and furniture and the wearing apparel of himself and family are those few articles which are by law exempt from execution are the only property or effects which he has in possession or to which he has title.

S/ Cyrus Davis Senior, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court the 6th of November A.D. 1828

S/ Step. K. Sneed, Clk

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State of North Carolina Granville County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term 1828

Personally appeared in open Court John Lock² of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law maketh oath that he enlisted on the 22nd day of May 1776 for the term of 2 1/2 years, in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. William Glover in the Regiment commanded by Col. William Taylor in the line of the State of North Carolina in the land Continental establishment to serve in said Corps until the 22nd day of November 1778, that in some short time after the time of this affiant's enlistment he thinks not more than a month he was marched to the village of Williamsburg in this County at which place the Companies of Capt. Glover and Capt. Phill Taylor met and he well recollects among other Soldiers to have met with Cyrus Davis Senior with whom he has been well acquainted ever since that time as one of the Company of Capt. Phill Taylor at what particular time he enlisted this affiant does not know but from the circumstance of meeting at that time with him as an enlisted Soldier he has little in fact no doubt that he enlisted at the time and in the manner mentioned in his declaration this day filed in Court for the purpose and in order to be restored to the pension list under the Act of the 1st of March 1823, that shortly after meeting of said Companies of Captains Glover and Taylor both marched to Wilmington in this State there this affiant was taken sick, from that place both Companies were marched to the Northward but as he from his sickness was brought home until he should be sufficiently restored to join the Army he has no knowledge except from report of their route they took. In June 1777 this affiant joined the Company of Capt. Daniel Williams who had superseded Capt. Glover in command, Capt. Glover having as this affiant understood then broke in consequence of some misconduct -- this affiant has not a distinct and positive recollection whether he met with the said Cyrus Davis at Georgetown or at Lancaster and Pennsylvania but he is inclined to think and he has a strong impression upon his mind that it was at Lancaster and he well recollects when he met with him he was upon crutches from a wound he had received in the foot but when and where he had received the wound this affiant has no knowledge except from report which was that he had received it at Germantown he was with him from the time he met him thus lamed until they got to White Plains with the exception of a few days -- that he was detained at Morristown in New Jersey by sickness at which place he remained with him until he was discharged which he thinks was in August 1778 which he thinks was granted to him something like 2 months before the expiration of his term of Service and was granted to him in Consequence of his being lamed and unfit for Service.

S/ John Lock

² [John Lock S41782](#)

Sworn to in open Court the 6th of November A.D. 1828
S/ Step. K. Sneed, Clk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 4, 1819, for service as a private for 2 ½ years in the North Carolina Continental line.]