

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Davis S41502

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State of North Carolina

Be it remembered that in a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions held for the County of Orange at the Court house in Hillsboro on the fourth Monday in February in the year of our Lord 1828 the following Declaration & Schedule was filed, which are in the words and figures as follows to wit "Original Claim. Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension List under the Act of 18th March 1818 -- State of North Carolina, Orange County: February Sessions A.D. 1828

On the 29th day of February A.D. 1828 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Orange the same being a Court of Record Richard Davis a resident in said County aged Seventy five years and upwards, 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 A.D. 1818, and the first of May A.D. 1820 -- That he the said Richard Davis entered for the term of three years in the Spring of the year 1777 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. Robert Wilson in the Regiment commanded (as well as he recollects) by Col. Shepperd [Abraham Sheppard] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in said Regiment for some time & was then transferred to the first Regiment of North Carolina line at Valley Forge, which Regiment was commanded by Col. Clark [Thomas Clark]. That he marched with said Regiment (after the Battle of Monmouth)¹ to Charleston in the State of South Carolina, where he was taken prisoner [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]² with the rest of the Army commanded by General Lincon [sic, Benjamin Lincoln]. That he was in the Battle of Monmouth and at this Siege of Charleston. That he continued a prisoner for about fourteen months & until he was brought round from Charleston to Jamestown in the State of Virginia where he was exchanged for etc. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not (to his knowledge) on the rolls of any State except North Carolina. And that the following all the reasons why he has not made an earlier application for a Pension -- to wit

He has always been unwilling to become a burden or charge to his Country so long as he could by his own industry and economy support himself -- nor would he at this time call on his Country for assistance, but that he is rendered unable to labor for support in consequence of a rupture or hernia under which he has been laboring for about two years, together with a Rheumatism with which he has been afflicted for about twelve months, whereby his left arm has become completely disabled. That he is an illiterate man (for he does not know one letter from

¹ June 28, 1778

² Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

another) and is dependent upon his friends in a great degree for information -- nor has he been able to meet with any until within the last six or eight months who would take upon himself the trouble to render him the information necessary to his obtaining a Pension –

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 to wit,

30 acres of poor land of the value of	\$30.00
1 Old bed of the value of	5.00
3 Earthen plates of the value of	.15
4 Knives & 4 forks of the value of	.30
1 Chest of the value of	2.00
1 Table of the value of	1.00
3 Chairs of the value of	<u>.50</u>
	\$38.95

S/ Richard Davis, X his mark

I am by profession a farmer but am unable to pursue my location in consequence of bodily infirmities as above stated: -- That my family consists of myself & two daughters, to wit Winnifred & Fanny, that Winnifred has been married & has one child, that she is sickly & has no property excepting some little household furniture. That Fanny is about 15 years old, has had her right arm broken in two places & in consequence thereof is unable to render me much assistance. That since the 15th of March 1818 the following changes have taken place in my property, to wit, one mare that I then on sometime in September 1827 of old age as I believe, which was the only Horse -- died than I have owned since the 18th March 1818. I have owned no cattle, sheep or hogs (excepting some house pigs) since the 18th March 1818, nor has the quantity of my land been increased or diminished -- Sworn to & subscribed in open court the 29th day of February A.D. 1828.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ J. C. Taylor, Clk.

S/ Richard Davis, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Offers third October 1827

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Richard Davis a private in said line in Capt. Wilson's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted the 15th May 1777; neither the term for which he enlisted, or the date of his discharge is there stated, or mentioned, but from his having drawn a Warrant for three years service it is believed he enlisted for and during three years.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 1st, 1828, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]