

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Davies S45896 VA
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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Virginia Lunenburg County towit)

On this 8th day of July 1833 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Lunenburg and now siting William Davies a Resident of said County aged 82 years who being first Duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he Volunteered under Capt'n Walker of the Revolutionary Wares some time in the month of June 1777 for three months and marched under him to Hampton and from that to pourtsmouth [sic: Portsmouth] and some time in the month of Sept'r 1777 (whilst in service) he Enlisted in the Untid States service for three years under Capt'n. Peter Jones of Dinwiddie County Virginia haveing served two months and twenty four days in my first tower and marched under Capt'n. Jones and Leut Walker from petersburg Virginia to little york [probably York PA] and from that to Head Quaters at Valley Forge where he joined the Main Arme y and was attached to the 14th Virginia Rigement Commanded by Col William Davies and the Brigade commanded by Gen'l Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and on the 28th of June 1778 he was in the battle at Monmouth and after that he was stationed at a place called the White plains and after that at a place called Middlebrook where we [were] stationed in Hutts and were afterwards stationed at a place called West point and in the month of July 1779 he was marched to Stoney point and was in the Reduceing of Stoney pint he thinks on the 15th of July 1779 [sic: storming of Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] and afterwards we were stationed at Morristown where we receivid orders to march to Charleston South Carolina and on the 26th December we were marched from Morristown to Philledelphia under the command of Gen'l [William] Woodford, Col Cabel [sic: Samuel Jordan Cabell], Col. Neville [sic: John Nevill] and others on our way and marched through Virginia by way of Richmond & petersburg through North Carolina to Charleston South Carolina where he was taken prisoner whilst on detachment on Cooper River [and] was carried on board the British ship Renown and was afterwards carried on board a transport ship where he remained untill the Surrender of Charleston [12 May 1780] he was then carried in town and put in Barracks with the other prisoners and after being there some time he deserted and came home to Dinwiddie County Virginia and after being there a short time he heard of Col. Davies who was his Col. to the north being at Chesterfield Court house an adjoining County I went to Col. Davies and he and he gave me a full discharge some time in the month of July 1780 haveing served two years and ten months which discharge has since been lost but from old age and concequent loss of memory he cannot state the day of the month that he enlisted or was discharged in either case but well recollects that he served two months & twenty four days in his first tower and two years and ten months in his second tower and for such service he claims a pension and that he does not know of any person liveing that he can prove aney thing as to his servises or discharges and that he never served in aney other capacity than that of a common soldier. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension role of aney agency in aney state

And in answer to the differant interrogetaries prescribed by the war department he answers thus

Quest'n. 1 & 2 Where and in what year were you born

[Ans'r.] I have no record of my age but from what I have all ways under stood I were born in the County of Caroline and am 82 years of age

Quest'n 3 Where were you liveing when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live.

- Ans'r. I lived in the County of Dinwiddie state of Virginia in the Revolutionary War and now live in the County of Lunenburg
- Quest'n 4 How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were a substitute
- Ans'r. I volunteered in my first tower and in my second tower I enlisted for three years
- Quest'n 5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continantal and Militia Rigements as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service
- Ans'r. It has been so long and from the loss of memory I do not know that I can state mutch more than is stated in my declaration
- Quest'n 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given
- Ans'r In my first tower I received no discharge but in my second tower I received I received a discharge which was given by Col. Davies which has since been lost
- Quest'n 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your carrector for veracity and their belief of your servises as a soldier of the Revolution
- Ans'r I am known in my present neighbourhood by the Reverand Henderson Lee Capt'n. John Knight Capt'n. Joel Blackwell Col. John T Street Capt'n David Street Col. Levi Clay
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