

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Davis S6781

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State of North Carolina Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this the 27th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Archibald Maxwell, Gibson Sloane & Richard Miller Esquires Justices of the court aforesaid now sitting John Davis, a resident of Duplin County in the State of North Carolina aged sixty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1. Under Col. William Linton, Capt. Baker, Benjamin Denson Lieut., Gideon Killeygrove Ensign, in April or May as he thinks in the year 1780 & left this term the 18th of August, that he entered for three months, that he resided, when he entered the service in Edgecombe County NC about five miles from Tarboro, that he was drafted, that he was in a skirmish at Rockfish Bridge, a little above South Washington, where the Americans retreated, that he marched from Tarboro, to Little River which makes into Neuse [River], thence to Kingston [sic, Kinston], thence down Neuse to Cox's ferry, thence across and up Neuse to Smithfield, thence down Neuse to Bass' ferry, thence across to Duplin old Court House, thence to Rockfish Bridge thence to Goshen Bridge, thence across Neuse at Whitfield's ferry and encamped beyond Neuse till his term was out & he was there discharged, that he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

2. Under Capt. James Jones, \_\_\_ Parker Lieut. (forgets other officers) in the spring of the year, but he can't say what year, presumes it was in 1781, that he was engaged for three months, that he was a volunteer light horseman, that he was in no battle, that his marches were altogether in Edgecombe County in quest of Tories and protecting the inhabitants, that he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

3. Under Capt. Sessoms, Capt. William Hall, \_\_\_ Messer Lieut., in the fall or of the year & he expects in the year 1781 and left this term next spring, that he engaged for six months, that he was drafted, that he was in no battle, that he marched from Tarboro, to Cheraw Hills in South Carolina thence to the high hills of Santee, thence by Eutaw Springs to Salisbury, thence to Hillsboro, thence to Cross Creek now Fayetteville, thence into South Carolina on The Pedee [River] and encamped there till his term was out and was there discharged, that he served with no Continental regiments or companies, that he was once at General Greene's camp on Cooper River, that he knew no regular officer, that he did not serve all the six months tour under Capt. Hall but part of the tour he was under Capt. Green & Capt. Madara [probably Capt. John Medaris] that he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person by whom he can prove his

service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Jas. Pearsall

S/ John Davis, X his mark

Interrogatories propounded to John Davis the aforesaid applicant with his answers thereto.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was in St. Mary's County, State of Maryland in 1764

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: I have, at home, on a paper, born 9th June 1764

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Edgecombe County NC Since the Revolutionary war I've lived in Edgecombe, Onslow & Duplin & now live in Duplin.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: volunteered & was drafted.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: No regular officers where I served. I saw General Greene's Army on Cooper River in South Carolina. The militia regiments I recollect were Col. Linton's, Col. Isaac Sessom's & Col. Jonas Johnson's. The general circumstances of my service are related above

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received a discharge from Capt. Green, which was the only written discharge I cannot. I don't know what has become of it.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Jesse Batts, James McCann, Hezekiah Grant, David Norman, Lincoln Sheffield, Martin Manning and Allen Thigpen

[Martin Manning and Allen Thigpen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]