

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Davis S6785

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State of North Carolina Stokes County

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid now sitting Charles Davis a resident of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina aged eighty years who being 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. He was drafted to serve a three months tour against the Cherokee Indians some time in the year 1776 and as well as he can recollect he and in the service on or about the third day of September in that year under Richard Good a Captain in the Surry Regiment of North Carolina Militia and was marched under the command of Colonel Joseph Williams & Major Joseph Winston upon what was commonly called the Cherokee expedition, to the long Island of Holston [River] where the troops lay in camp he thinks several weeks & believes was there joined by General Christie [sic, William Christian] with the Virginia troops, under whose command the Army was marched into the Indian nation where they were employed for some time but how long he cannot recollect, in destroying the Indian towns & routing the Indians, after which he returned home and obtained a discharge from some one of his officers he thinks from Captain Richard Goode which discharge is lost or destroyed. He thinks he was discharged some time in the month of December in the year 1776 aforesaid the particular day he cannot recollect. That he was drafted for a three months tour again sometime in the year 1780. And marched from Surry County under the command of Captain Halbert about the first of July of that year and joined General Rutherford about 30 miles below Salisbury and were marched by him to the mouth of Rocky River he thinks in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina or the neighborhood of the River where he was engaged in a battle called Colson's¹ in the said County of Mecklenburg as then he was told & understood. That he received a discharge for his services from General Rutherford as he now believes. That he was frequently engaged in scouting parties against the Tories under the character of a minute man in subject to be called out at any time & at all times when called upon he served in such service but he cannot now say how long he was engaged having no documentary evidence of any part of his services. That the discharge last alluded to has been lost or destroyed. That he believes that Colonel Thomas Wade who he understood was a Regular Officer was in the camps upon this occasion.

That he was born in the year 1752 in the County of Augusta State of Virginia, that he left there when he was about twelve years old & settled in the County of Surry (now Stokes) County

¹ July 21, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/colson.htm>

North Carolina. That he has no record of his age in his possession, but that there was a record in a book which is not in his possession nor does he know where it is. That he was living in Surry County North Carolina at the time when called into service and has continued to live there ever since but that the part of Surry he lives and is now called Stokes County. That he was drafted in each of the terms before stated. That he has no documentary evidence of his services & knows of no one who can testify for him except Joseph Banner² & Robert Hill³ as far as respects the last mentioned Tour.

He is well known to Joseph Waggoner, Thomas T. Armstrong & Joseph W. Winston -- his present neighbors who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Charles Davis

S/ Jno. Hill, CCC

[Joseph Waggoner, Thomas T. Armstrong & Joseph W. Winston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Robert Hill being duly sworn states on his oath that he knows that Charles Davis the above named applicant did serve a three months tour in the company of Captain John Halbert, that he was marched to Rocky River & was as he believes at the battle at Colson's & that this deponent was in the same expedition.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Hill

Joseph Banner being duly sworn states that Charles Davis got a horse from this deponent's father to ride on an expedition as stated in Robert Hill's application above & that he believes that the said Charles Davis did serve as therein stated but does not know it of his own knowledge.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Banner

State of North Carolina Stokes County

On the 10th day of December 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the peace of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, for the County of Stokes aforesaid Charles Davis a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged eighty-one years last February who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional Declaration to his formal one made in September or December Court of said County 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, for services which was omitted to be set forth for want of proof war of mission of the Clerk who drew said declaration, that in addition to the Services stated for six months only mentioned therein he entered the services of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein after stated in addition there too (to wit) that he entered in every service as well as the Tours heretofore declared, as those which was omitted, as a horseman & furnished his own horse in the troops called the light Infantry and served in addition to the six months heretofore mentioned, one Tour of duty under Captain John Halbert & Lieutenant Robert

² [Joseph Banner W9716](#)

³ [Robert Hill S7012](#)

Hill, Colonel Joseph Williams was Colonel commandant & Colonel Robert Lanear [sic, Robert Lenoir or Robert Lanier] Lieutenant Colonel -- and marched through various parts of Surry County North Carolina and at Richmond then Surry Courthouse met with about two or 300 Tories who defeated our troops in a skirmish at that place, where they took Captain Wooldridge wounded & took Captain John Crouse & several others prisoners of our men & that a ball through this applicant's shot pouch & powder horn he lost his horse saddle & bridle which the Tories got into their possession the date he cannot recollect and after losing his horse as aforesaid & retreating in confusion he was permitted by his Officers to go home in the Eastern part of Surry County aforesaid after having served twenty-five days; another route he entered under Captain Samuel Hampton and marched with his company from Town fork in the then Surry County, there being a call for soldiers to suppress the Tories, on the North of Dan River & crossed & swam Dan River at a canoe landing near where little Dan River empties into big Dan, & in a Tory settlement we routed a nest of them disarmed them, & took a number of said Tories & caused them to take the oath of Allegiance & give Security for their good behavior &c. In this expedition he remained ten days & was dismissed & returned home, another call being made he entered the Service under Captain Henry Smith at old Richmond in Surry County North Carolina & marched with his Company of cross the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin [River] & commanded by Colonel Williams & Colonel Isaacs field officers marched from thence to the Settlements in the forks of the Yadkin River & captured & took a number of Tories & did so on them & marched across the River again & down the same to the Uarra River in Rowan County North Carolina, thence to Douthall Settlements on the Muddy Creek & to Salem in the then Surry County, then to the old Town with a parcel of Tories whom we brought as prisoners & guarded them in the old Town Moravian church in this Service he served one month at least & was dismissed by Captain Smith at the old Town aforesaid = the next service he was called out on and Expedition to joined the troops commanded by Major Winston who was then in Guilford County North Carolina & marched from Surry County aforesaid to Guilford & joined a Company commanded by Captain ZaZa Brasheers [sic, Asa Brashears?] of Guilford County & after marching to Martinsville & through the County Guilford in Paseley Settlement returned to Guilford County & having served two weeks was dismissed -- this was about two weeks before Guilford Battle. Another Tour of service he was called out by Captain John Halbert & served in his Company in guarding the prisoners that was taken at the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], who was then at the old Moravian Town in this service he remained only ten days & was discharged. The dates of the following services he cannot recollect owing chiefly to the length of time that has passed since, it happened; together with the infirmities of old age & the consequent loss of memory -- a Tabular account of the additional Services above are as follows (to wit)

25 days the skirmish at Richmond under Captain Halbert

10 days under Captain Samuel Hampton

30 days under Captain Henry Smith to Rowan County

14 days under Captain Brasheers to Guilford County

10 days under Captain Halbert guarding prisoners

89, in all for which he claims an additional pension etc.

This Applicant states that it is out of his power to produce Testimony at present to prove all the items of services as enumerated in the above declaration, but believes that he can prove part if not all the old men in Stokes County if they were able to attend Court, therefore the court proceeded to as the several questions agreeable to the Rules laid down by the War department (viz.) 1st he says he was born in Augusta County in Virginia 18th of February 1752

2nd he has no record, of his age only a Traditionary one

3rd he lived in Surry County North Carolina in the same neighborhood where he now resides, which from the division of Surry he fell in the part now called Stokes County

4th he was called on all Occasions as a volunteer whenever called on when the urgency of the times required it, which Requisitions were all times made by his officers aforesaid

5th this question he has already answered in the Declaration but was with no regular officers in the Services last above mentioned –

6th he never received any written discharges as he recollects of

7th he states that Joseph Waggoner, General Joseph Winston & Charles Banner of his County & neighborhood will certify as to his character & veracity & belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & the pension which was granted him in part for his services just above mentioned; & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State excepting the one above alluded to in North Carolina for only \$20 which was not given for any part of the last mentioned services.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the date first above mentioned

S/ John Hill, CCC

S/ Charles Davis

[Joseph Waggoner, Joseph Winston & Charles Banner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Stokes County: Depositions in favor of Charles Davis

Be it known that before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Personally appeared Edmund Tilley Senior⁴ aged about 85 years a resident of the County aforesaid & Pensioner of the United States, he being sworn according to law to declare what he knew of Charles Davis (who is now a Pensioner in the County aforesaid) relative to his services rendered to the United States in the Revolutionary War, Deposeth & saith that he was well acquainted with said Charles Davis during the said War, that he this deponent only served in one short Tour of duty with said Davis in guarding prisoners which were taken at the Battle of King's Mountain when they were at the old Moravian Town in the then Surry County North Carolina which town from the division of Surry fell into that part now Stokes County -- But that he well remembers that said Charles Davis was a very active soldier & was often called out into service by draft or volunteer & was absent sometimes three months or perhaps more & sometimes less as he was generally called out the orders of Colonel Martin Armstrong or Major Joseph Winston, under Captains Smith, Bostick, Goode, Meredith, Halbert war Humphreys all of which Captains this deponent recollects, & he believes that said Charles Davis did serve in the Militia in Surry County aforesaid at the least 10 months during the Revolutionary War.

Sworn & subscribed this fourth day of August 1834 before me

S/ C Banner, JP

S/ Edmund Tilley, Senior,, X his mark

Ephraim Banner Senior⁵ aged about eighty years a Pensioner of the United States & a Resident in the County of Stokes in North Carolina being sworn according to law, deposeth & saith that he belonged to the same Company & Regiment of Militia that a certain Charles Davis who now draws a small pension from the United States for services he rendered during the Revolutionary War, this deponent believes & is confident from the acquaintance that he had with said Davis at that time; that he was an active Soldier & friend to the cause of Liberty, served & fought as a

⁴ [Edmund Tilley S7732](#)

⁵ [Ephraim Banner W3923](#)

militia soldier and a half of the United States for at least, he thinks eleven or twelve months at different periods when ever called on by his Officers, then in Surry County North Carolina; although he did not happen to serve in the same Service at the same time with him, as they fell in different lots or classes to serve & under different captains, yet this deponent has just reason to believe; from the many calls & urgencies of the times, & they being neighbors that the said Davis was absent from home in the service of the Militia & served as aforesaid at the least the above mentioned term for which he ought to be allowed a pension instead of for only six months as this deponent is informed he only is allowed for by some Aaron in drawing his declaration in the first start of drawing declarations for pensions in this County -- Sworn & subscribed this fourth day of August 1834 before me

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Ephraim Banner, Sr., X his mark