

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Davis S6786

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State of North Carolina County of Nash

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term

On this the 12th day of May in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open Court (Court now sitting) Josiah Davis a resident of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina aged seventy-two years seven months and three days; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by 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.

In the year 1778 as he believes in the month of March he volunteered into the service of the United States and served five months lacking 2 days. His company was commanded by Capt. Sherrod & rendezvoused at Halifax Town North Carolina and there joined the Regiment commanded by Col. Johnston of Edgecombe County in Major Jarvis of Halifax County and was commanded by General Butler. From Halifax he marched through Edgecombe, Johnston, Cumberland and Richmond Counties to Hayley's ferry on Pedee River then to Camden in South Carolina, then to a little town on the Congaree River, where he understands the City of Columbia is now erected; and then to Augusta in the State of Georgia. From that place we went in pursuit of the British and on our arrival at Sisters Ferry on the Savannah River we found the buildings of General Moultrie in smoking ruins, they being burnt by the enemy that we were in pursuit of. From thence we marched to Bacon's Bridge which was on the Edisto or Ashley rivers, then crossed the River and went down to Uics [?] swamp, and was there stationed several weeks. He was in several skirmishes, and was one of the main guard when the attack was made on Fort Stono. After his time of service expired he was marched back to North Carolina by his Capt. and discharged verbally not having received any written discharge, he was discharged on the 29th of July.

In the year 1781 he was drafted and entered the service of the United States as a private on the ___ of February he joined the Army at Halifax North Carolina under Col. Linton, his company was commanded by Capt. Moxry [?] and Charles Johnston Lieut. From Halifax he was marched to Ramsay's Mill [sic, Ramsey's Mill] on Deep River and there started from Guilford, but on the way to the latter place he with some other men turned back with some British prisoners under the command of Lieut. Bradford, could be guarded to Halifax after confining the prisoners in Halifax Goal, we then returned to Ramsey's Mills, at which place, and it's the Santee we staid until we were discharged; he was discharged by Major Anthony Sharp, he received a discharge from Major Sharp but the discharge has been lost or misplaced.

In both Tours he served as a private for the space of eight months lacking two days in the latter tour he served three months in the service of the United States and during that period he was not employed in any civil pursuit. After leaving the Army in the Revolution he returned to the County of Northampton North Carolina and lived there 10 or 12 years, he then removed to the County of Edgecombe and there remained about two years, after which time he removed to Nash County where [he] has continued to live until the present day.

He further states that he has no other documentary evidence in support of this declaration. Nor does he know of any person living that can testify to the facts set forth herein.

He relinquishes hereby 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 and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benj. H. Blount, CCC

S/ Josiah Davis

[David Winborne, a clergyman, & Irvin Eatman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following questions were propounded by the Court in the following answers given

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer Agreeably to the record of my age I was born in the County of Northampton North Carolina on the 11th day of October in the year A.D. 1760

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer -- My age was written in a Bible the same has long since been destroyed so I have no record of my age at this time, but recollect as above stated, that I was born on the 11th day of October A.D. 1760 agreeably to the record in the Bible

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

Answer: I was living in this County of North Hampton when I entered the service of the United States; after returned from the service of the United States I lived in the County of North Hampton 10 or 12 years, I then removed to the County of Edgecombe North Carolina and remained there about two years, after which time I removed to the County of Nash where I have continued to live until the present day.

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

Answer: In the first Tour I volunteered and served five months lacking two days as a private as before stated. In the second Tour I was drafted and served three months under the officers aforesaid he did and served as a private

Question 5th 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.

Answer: In addition to those officers already mentioned I recollect General Lincoln who took the command of the Army after we arrived at Augusta in Georgia. General Huger and General Armstrong in the last tour I recollect General Greene

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

Answer -- I received a discharge in the last Tour given by Major Anthony sharp, which is lost or mislaid, in the first Tour I was marched home by my Capt. and discharged verbally on the 29th day of July

Question 7th 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.

Answer: William McWilliams and Ford Taylor