

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Davis S8277 VA
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State of Virginia, Sct.

On this 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the peace of the County Court of Orange now sitting William Davis a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged 74 years who being first 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 7 1832.

He enlisted in the Continental line in the month of March 1776 to the best of his recollection under Capt Francis Taylor of the second Virginia regiment on Continental establishment that William Taylor was first and Francis Cowherd second Lieutenant in his company that Col. Alexander Spotswood Commanded the regiment he enlisted in the County of Orange and State of Virginia where he then resided and still resides; that he served two full years and obtained an honourable discharge that he marched first to Williamsburg in this State thence through Maryland & Pennsylvania into New jersey and that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777]. That he has no documentary evidence having lost his discharge shortly after receiving it and that he knows of no person but Major Francis Cowherd [pension application W6712] and John Snow [S38391] of Orange County Virginia who can testify to his services. – 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 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid
[Certified by John Williams and Cudden Davis.]

William Davis

Orange County, State of Virginia,

I Francis Cowherd, do hereby certify that William Davis the bearer hereof did Inlist in the continental servis in the year of 1775 or 1776 under Captain Francis Taylor of the Second Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment, and continued in actual servis for two full years, and obtained an honorable discharge

Given under my hand this Eighth day of September Eighteen hundred and thirty two
Fra's.Cowherd/ Formerly [illegible abbreviation]/ 2^d Va. Reg't.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis Cowherd", with some additional scribbles and a date "1832" visible.