

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Davis S8284

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State of North Carolina Columbus County November Term 1832

On this 13th day of November in the year 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting Edward Davis a resident of the County of Columbus and State of North Carolina, aged seventy-one 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Some time after the commencement of Hostilities in this part of the Country, he stood a draft, and was drafted on the 23rd day of December in the year 1779 in the Town of Elizabeth Bladen County and State of North Carolina for a term of three months, under Colonel Thomas Brown Captain Joseph Wood Lieutenant James Johnston and Ensign Mathew Byron. He marched to a place in Brunswick County & State of North Carolina called old Brunswick there he remained for one week, then left old Brunswick and started for South Carolina. He traveled what is called the sea shore road & crossed Shallotte at a bridge & went on to the South Carolina line, and stopped there for a short time by the command of the officers above mentioned, and then marched on for Charleston in South Carolina and crossed the Waccamaw and big Pedee Rivers, at the juncture of the two rivers, then on and crossed Santee River Lonews [sic, Leneud's] ferry from thence to Charleston and there placed under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and Colonel Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] and faithfully served the time above mentioned, three months. At the expiration of which time of service, he then turned out volunteer in Charleston, for another tour of three months, under the officers aforesaid and served about one month and a half and was taken prisoner at the time Charleston fell [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] into the hands of the Enemy, after being confined in prison about fifteen days, he was released from Prison and went home in Bladen County North Carolina. After staying at home about eighteen months, he enlisted for a term of twelve months on the 12th day of December 1781 in Elizabethtown, Bladen County North Carolina under a recruiting officer, which was Major Griffith Jones McRee [Griffith John McRee] and took up a march for Wilmington New Hanover County State of North Carolina, he traveled up the River road as far as the place on the Cape Fear River called the five Oaks, then took water and went to Wilmington and joined the Company under Colonel Benjamin Mills, Major G. J. McRae and Captain Samuel Jones & stayed in Wilmington two weeks. After which time he returned to the five Oaks, landed and set out for South Carolina, and crossed a creek called Lockwood's folly in Brunswick County; then went on and crossed Waccamaw above

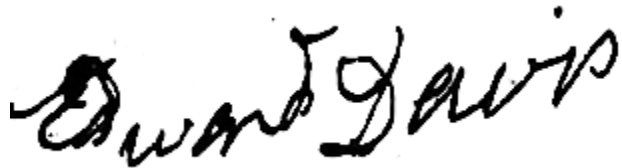
Georgetown in South Carolina, then crossed Big Pedee, then marched on & crossed Santee River and joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army in South Carolina at a place called Pon Pon [North Edisto] and there served the remnant of the time for which he was enlisted which was 12 months, under General Greene, Col. Mills, Major McRae Adjutant William Bush Capt. Samuel Jones & Lieut. Slade. After his time of service expired he marched back to North Carolina, Brunswick County and there was dismissed about 12 December 1782. He has no written discharge, and knows documentary evidence. But can procure one or more persons who can testify to his service viz. Simon Bright¹ and Duncan McCulloch.²

The declarant states that he resides in the County of Columbus and State of North Carolina & has been a resident of the same ever since the war,

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 13th day of November 1832

S/ Edward Davis



Answers to the interrogatories³ prescribed by the War department as propounded to the applicant by the Court.

1. I was born in Bladen County in the year 1760, 28th of July.
2. I had a record of my age, but it has been lost some time.
3. In Bladen County (now Columbus) and have resided there ever since.
4. I was first drafted for three months and soon after that time expired I volunteered & after the space of eighteen months after I returned home, which was about two months after I volunteered, I then enlisted for twelve months.
5. This Interrogatory is answered as far as I can recollect in the body of my declaration.
6. I have answered this Interrogatory fully in the body of my declaration.
7. Calup Money, William Kemp, Jacob High, Luke R. Simmons and Charles Baldin [?].
[William Kemp, a clergyman, and Charles Baldin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Columbus County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a

¹ [Simon Bright S9293](#)

² Sic, [Duncan McCulloch \(McCulloch\) S7203](#)

³ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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

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

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.]

Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Edward Davis who being duly sworn depose and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades, for one year and four months & 15 days I served as a common soldier and for such service I claim a pension. The Deponent further saith that he made a mistake in his Declaration, that when he said he enlisted for a term of 12 months on the 12th day of December 1780 under a recruiting officer Major J. G. McRae he intended to say 12 December 1781 and that he left in December 1782 in his stead of 1783.

S/ James Smith, JP

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Personally appeared in open Court Simon Bright, and after being sworn on the Holy evangelist of Almighty God, depose and saith that, he commenced the revolutionary war with Edward Davis in Elizabeth town in Bladen County North Carolina on the 12th day of December in the year 1781, and marched with him to Wilmington, New Hanover, North Carolina under the command of Griffith Jones McRee by the way of what was called the five Oaks Plantation on the Cape Fear River four miles from Wilmington, at the five Oaks, he took water and went to town, there he stayed about two weeks, with the said Edward Davis, and from thence he marched to Charleston in South Carolina in the company commanded by Col. Benjamin Mills, Major G J McRee and Capt. Samuel Jones. The British being in Charleston they did not go in the town but were at a place called Pon Pon about twenty-five miles, there stayed with the said Edward Davis for the space of six months, after which time he left E. Davis, and went up in the back country, the Deponent further states that to his certain knowledge, the said E. Davis did serve as he states in the last tour mentioned by him and further the deponent saith not.

S/ Simon Bright, S his mark

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Personally appeared in open Court Duncan McCulloch, and after being sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God depose and saith that he knew that Edward Davis was drafted in Elizabethtown Bladen County North Carolina on 23rd December 1779 under the command of Col. Thomas Brown Capt. Joseph Wood and Lieut. James Johnston for the space of three months and marched to old Brunswick in the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, and that after the expiration of that time which was about one week he took another road, towards Charleston South Carolina, and met the said Edward Davis on his way to Charleston on what is called the long Bay on the sea shore in South Carolina and marched together until dismissed, and further the deponent saith not.

S/ Duncan McCulloch

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Duncan McCulloch". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$54.99 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 ½ months in the North Carolina militia.]