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Pension application of Thomas Davis S8289

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State of North Carolina Pitt County

On this 9th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the State & County aforesaid now sitting Thomas Davis a resident of Pitt County and State of North Carolina aged seventy-five 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. That he was a resident of Hertford County in the State of North Carolina when he was drafted in Capt. Harris's Company under the command of Col. Williams. That he was drafted for five months and served out the time, but has no evidence nor does he remember at what time this took place. That at this time he was immediately marched off to South Carolina and stationed near Purris Burg [sic, Purrysburg] (or some such name), from this station the company was marched up the Savannah River to a place called Black Swamp, his term of service here expired and Capt. Harris, with his company returned under the command of Col. Williams to Hertford County and was then discharged. That he has lost the discharge not supposing it would ever be of any service to him.¹

That he was again drafted in Capt. Yates (or Ates) Company under the command of General Gregory & Col. Harvey and marched to what was called the Great bridge (or long bridge) near Norfolk where he remained for some time and after the expiration of the six months for which he was then drafted he was discharged and returned home that in each case he acted as a private Soldier. That he was born in Hertford County, but has no record whatever of his age. That he was a man grown when he was serving in the revolution and is convinced in his own mind from recollection that he is between seventy-five & eighty-five years of age. That he has resided in this County about fifty years.

That he can refer to Henry Barnhill & Moses Highsmith to have been a long time acquainted with him. That he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person except Moses Highsmith in this part of the State whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services, and that he can only testify to his services in South Carolina under the command of Capt. Harris, nor does he know of any person in this state now living in this state by whom he can prove his services in Virginia. That his memory is clear as to the length of time he served but not as to the date when done.

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.

¹ My guess, based on his saying that his company went to Purrysburg, is that this service was rendered in late 1778 and early 1779.

Sworn to and subscribed the 9th May 1833.

S/ R. S. Blount, DC

S/ Thomas Davis, X his mark

I Moses Highsmith² of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Thomas Davis whose Declaration is hereto prefixed, that I served in the same Regiment of the North Carolina line in which he enlisted under the command of Col. Williams in the march to South Carolina and certify that he served a five months to which he has declared. That I have been well acquainted with him particularly since he has been a resident of this County which has been for upwards of forty-five years. And I further testify that I believe him to be a man of veracity.

Sworn to and subscribed the year and date above written.

S/ R. S. Blount, DC

S/ Moses Highsmith, X his mark

I Thomas Davis further maketh oath that there is no clergyman whom I can obtain in this part of the country to certify to the facts necessary as set forth.

Sworn to and subscribed 9th day May 1833.

S/ Thomas Davis

The Amended Declaration of Thomas Davis

The second time he was drafted he believes it was about two years after the first tour of service, but the precise time he cannot recollect.

Moses Highsmith maketh oath that he served with Thomas Davis the first term of his Service, say five months and both returned home together, which term of service was in the year of 1778 - - and that he believes said Davis to be about 75 years of age.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court before me this eighth day of November A.D. 1833

S/ Archibald Parker, CCC

S/ Moses Highsmith, X his mark

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Hertford County North Carolina but the date I cannot recollect

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

Answer. I have no record of my age

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 lived in Hertford County North Carolina until I moved into Pitt County North Carolina

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. I was drafted for both tours of service.

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. Capt. James Harris Capt. Joseph Yates, Col. Williams, Col. Harvey, General Gregory, as to the general circumstances I have lost all recollection

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

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² [Moses Highsmith W7752](#)

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. Moses Highsmith, James Perkins, Esquire Isaac Harris, Giles Matheny [could be Giles Matthews], Henry Barnhill

S/ Thomas Davis, X his mark