

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Davis S8291

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State of Tennessee Monroe County: on this 21st day of March 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before us S S Glenn, William Upton and William James three acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County now sitting William Davis a resident of the said County of Monroe and State of Tennessee in the said County of Monroe and State of Tennessee aged 72 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. He was born in Wilkes County North Carolina on the 10th day of March 1761 as he is informed by his parents. He has no record of his age. He resided in the said Wilkes County North Carolina at which place sometime in April 1781 he volunteered under Capt. Little [sic, Little or Lytle?] his Christian name not recollected we rendezvoused at Shells Mill on the Catawby [Catawba] River in Burk [Burke] County at the time last aforesaid. We lay there some time. We then marched to Camden South Carolina we there joined General Greene's Army and was put under the command of Col. Malberry [sic, Malmedy] a French officer his Christian name not now recollected we lay there some time we then marched to Col. Thompson's old fields and lay there some time we then marched to the Eutaw Springs and was in the battle at that place which took place in September 1781. We took a number of prisoners at that place we guarded the prisoners to Camden laid there a few days to get provision we then took the prisoners to the neighborhood of Salisbury North Carolina lay there some time our situation was considered unhealthy we then moved the prisoners about eight miles to better water and camping ground northward from Salisbury he laid there till his time was out and was then honorably discharged in October 1781. His discharge was signed by Col. Lock [sic, Locke] who had took the command of us at the place last mentioned he served at this time six months he put his discharge amongst his father's papers and does not know what became of it is [indecipherable word or words] lost long since. He moved to Henry County Virginia in the spring of 1782 lived there about two years then moved back to said Wilkes County North Carolina he lived there till about twelve years ago he then moved to Haywood County North Carolina lived there about four years he then moved to the said Monroe County Tennessee and has lived there ever since and still lives there.

He never was drafted nor a substitute. He recollects that Col. Washington commanded a part of the Cavalry at the battle of the Eutaw Springs, he thinks he was wounded and taken prisoner at that engagement he does not recollect the name of any Militia or Continental regiments nor the general circumstances of his service further than above stated. He never did receive a commission. He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with William

[indecipherable last name] Capt James Mason, Esqr. Thos. Henderson, Joseph R. Henderson and Esquire Joseph Stephenson all of whom he believes would testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier of the Revolution. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. There is no clergyman residing immediately in his neighborhood nor none that he can procure who can testify to the repute of his service. 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 and year aforesaid.

S/ William Davis, X his mark

Sworn in open court March 21st 1833

S/ Wm S. Callaway, Clerk

[Nicholas S. Peck and Joseph R. Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn. 9: veteran applied on August 15, 1837 for a transfer of his pension benefit to Haywood County North Carolina in order to live with his son and be taken care of in his helpless and infirm state. This application is supported by the affidavit of Thomas Davis given on the same day and at the same section of the court. The relationship between Thomas Davis and the veteran, if any, is not stated.]