

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Davidson S8305

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Maryland. Ann [Anne] Arundel County: to wit

Be it remembered that on this fourth Day of July in the year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred and Eighteen, personally appeared before the Subscriber Associate Judge of the Third Judicial District of Maryland James Davidson of the County aforesaid, who being duly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, did depose, declare and say, that he enlisted, on the twentieth Day of April in the year seventeen hundred and seventy Eight in the first Maryland Regiment and was taken Prisoner by the Enemy on the 25th Day of January in the year 1780 at Elizabeth Town [Elizabethtown] in New Jersey. That he served as a Soldier in the Army of the United States for upwards of four years and until he was duly discharged. This Deponent did further depose say and declare, that from his reduced Circumstances he stands in Need of the Aid of his Country for his Support.

I certify that it appears by the Musters of Maryland Troops that James Davidson a Private in the First Reg't Enlisted on 20th of April 1778 and was taken prisoner on 25th Jan'y 1780. and by the Pay Roll it appears that James Davidson received Arrears of Pay as a private from the 1st Aug't. 1780 to 15th Nov'r. 1783.

R Loockerman Aud. Gen'l.

Auditors Office Annapolis 8th July 1818.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, James Davidson of the County of Anne Arundel in the State of Maryland do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution on the 20th April 1778 and was a prisoner on the 25th Jan'y 1780 and was Soldier to the end of the War; at which period, I was a private in Captain Lilburn Williams' Company, in the first Regiment, of the Maryland Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778.

Witness my hand, this Eleventh day of July in the year 1828

James hisXmark Davidson

On the sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, for the County of Washington, in the District of Columbia, James Davidson, of the County of Anarundel, in the State of Maryland, aged 72 years, who being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, viz—

That he enlisted in the army of the United States, as a private, in the year 1778 for three years; at the expiration of which time, he again enlisted for nine months as a substitute to go to the siege at York [Yorktown VA, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], at which place he was wounded, and there remained until able to return home. He enlisted under Cap. James Peel [sic: James Peale, pension application S41056], of the first regiment of the Maryland line, Col. Smallwood, Commanding. In his enlistment for the nine months, it was in the third regiment of the Maryland line, L. Williams's Company, regiment commanded by by Col. [Peter] Adams. That he was made a prisoner at Elizabeth-town on the 25 Jan'y 1780, and was conveyed to New York where he remained in jail 11 months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity, except the present, & that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

James hisXmark Davidson

Subscribed & sworn to Aug'st 6th 1832 before R. S. Briscoe J. Peace

Land Office, Annapolis Feb'y 17th 1832;

I Certify that it appears by the Muster rolls, remaining in this office, that James Davidson, enlisted as a private in the first Maryland Regiment on the 20th day of April 1778; and on the 25th day of January 1780; was made prisoner;

George G. Brewer/ Reg'r. L'd. Off. W. S. Md.

NOTE: On 16 Aug 1832 Davidson was issued a certificate for a pension of \$80 per year.