

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to William Royal Davis SC1871  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1817A

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We do Certify Eleanor Davis is the Widow of William Royal Davis<sup>2</sup> who was a true Friend to the United States of America and was killed in the Service of this State in February 1782 by a party of the British Black Dragoons, and that the said Eleanor Davis has resided within this State since the Death of her late Husband and has one Child living under Twelve years of Age, further that she has no Lands or Negroes.

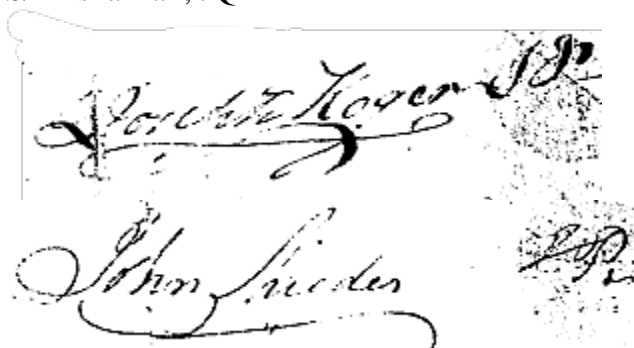
As witness our Hands and Seals this first day of October 1790

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> of February 1796 by

S/ Joseph Koger, JP

S/ John Shieder [?], JP

S/ Elisha Hall, JQ

The image shows three handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature is 'Joseph Koger JP', the middle is 'John Shieder JP', and the bottom is 'Elisha Hall JQ'. Each signature is followed by a circular seal or stamp, though the details are difficult to discern due to the image quality.

<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

<sup>2</sup> Given that this veteran is said to have died at the hands of the Black Dragoons, it seems very likely that he was killed at Tidyman's Plantation on February 25, 1782.

[https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_tidymans\\_plantation.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_tidymans_plantation.html)

For an excellent history of the Black Dragoons and other black loyalist in South Carolina see Gary Sellick, *Theses and Dissertations*, University of South Carolina, Columbia, 2018 [scholarcommons.sc.edu](https://scholarcommons.sc.edu/) (pdf) (viewed 4/20/20)  
[https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&ved=2ahUKEwikhejSv\\_foAhUFWa0KHVBbBDcQFjABegQIAxAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fscholarcommons.sc.edu%2Fcgi%2Fviewcontent.cgi%3Farticle%3D5967%26context%3Ddetd&usg=AOvVaw27jotGJ-nTV4ORhC3Pgf2g](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&ved=2ahUKEwikhejSv_foAhUFWa0KHVBbBDcQFjABegQIAxAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fscholarcommons.sc.edu%2Fcgi%2Fviewcontent.cgi%3Farticle%3D5967%26context%3Ddetd&usg=AOvVaw27jotGJ-nTV4ORhC3Pgf2g)

*E. K. Hall JP*

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No. 2 85 71/100 Dollars

April 4<sup>th</sup> 1796

Annuities paid

Eleanor Davis

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Received April 4<sup>th</sup> 1796 of Simeon Theus Treasurer Twenty Pounds for 4 years Annuity now due  
Test

S/ Abraham Alexander

S/ Eleanor Davis, E her mark

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I do Certify that I was well Acquainted with William Royall Davis who was killed by the black dragoons near Dorchester in February 1782 he being in the American Service and also his Widow Elenor Davis who has Resided Ever Since in Charleston District and is Still a widow and at the time of the Death of her said Husband was left with a large family and but very little to support on having then three Children under the age of twelve.

Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day February 1796

S/ Joseph Koger, JP

*Joseph Koger JP*

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No. 19 21 43/100 Dolls. [dollars]

March 17, 1797

Eleanor Davis

Annuities

No. 5 21 43/100 Dollars

February 7, 1798

Annuities

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Received 17 February 1797 of S. Theus Treasurer Five pounds for one years Annuity  
£5

or 21 43/100 Dollars

S/ Ellener Davis

*Ellener Davis*

[pp 8-29: receipts for annuity]

[p 30: last receipt]

Received from JC Purlean Esquire Treasurer 42 Dollars 84 Cents for 2 years Pension for the years 1809 & 1810

Received January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1811  
S/ Elener Davis, C her mark