

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Samuel Barker Davis W1728
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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of Virginia } S.S.
County of Hampshire }

On this 2nd day of February in the year 1833 personally appeared in the said County of Hampshire before the subscriber a justice of the peace in the County aforesaid Samuel B. Davis Sen'r. a Resident of the said County of Hampshire and state of Virginia aforesaid, aged about 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 the 7th 1832

That he entered the service as a volunteer in the County of Fairfax in the state of Virginia as a private soldier on the 18th day of July in the year 1775 [sic] (as well as he can now Recollect) when there was no regular organized Companies of Malitia as he believes, he served under the Command of Cap'n. James Renn whom the Company chose as their Commander and was in actual service until the first day of September following in Defending the Town of Alexandria from the threatened attacks of Lord Dunmore then [July 1776] in the Potomac River But was in no engagement during that term of service, there was a certain Cap'n. Conway that frequently superintended the garrison or works at Alexandria During this term of service He further states that he was again called into the service of his Country as a Volunteer (private) at the special orders or request of Gen'l Washington to his own County for Volunteers as he understood and left home on the 23rd of August 1777 as well as he now recollects under the command of Capt. Thomas Pollard and marched from Alexandria in the said County of Fairfax by way fo Georgetown and Frederick town (Md) York town [York PA], Lancaster & reading and joined the main army under the Command of Gen'l. Washington on their retreat from the Battle of Germantown on the afternoon of the same day (to wit) 4th of October 1777 and was attached as he believes to Gen'l. Scotts [Charles Scott's] Brigade and continued under the Command of Gen'l. Scott and a certain Col'l. Romney [sic: William Rumney] of Alexandria aforesaid until the 23rd day of November following and reached his home in Fairfax County aforesaid on the last day of Nov'r. 1777 as well as he recollects, for this last mentioned Tour of duty he state he received a written discharge but does not know what has become of it and that he was not in any Battle during this last mentioned term of service

and he further states that he was called in the service of his Country from Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County state of Virginia as a private soldier (Malitia) under the command of Capt. John Linton and commenced their march from the place of rendavous in Loudon County on the 13th day of July 1781 and marched by way of Fredericksburg Richmond and joined the army under the command of Gen'l. dela Fayette [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] on James River below Richmond on the 26th day of July 1781 and was attached to Mulenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade under Col'l. Marywether [sic: Meriwether] and Major Hardiman [probably Henry Hardman] and continued in Mulenburgs Brigade until the 26th day of September 1781 on which day himself and the Company was discharged between Williamsburg and Little York [Yorktown VA] without receiving any written discharge and reached his home in said Loudon County on the 1st or 2nd day of October 1781 he was in no engagement during the last mentioned term of service, For all which services he claims a Pension

he further states that he was born in Charles County state of Maryland, he has no record of his age he removed from there to the County of Fairfax state of Virginia in the year 1769 or 1770 and resided there until the year 1778 he then removed to Loudon County state of Virginia aforesaid and remained there until the year 1785 he then removed to the County of Prince William Va. and remained there until the year 1787 he then removed to the County of Hampshire state of Virginia aforesaid where he now resides

he further states that he was known by the name of Samuel Davis in his juvenile days and his name was thus written on Muster Rolls and various other instruments of writings But having himself learned to write about the year 1810 and recollecting that his Father told him that at his Baptism he was called Samuel Barker he has ever since written his name Samuel B. Davis He further states that he has no knowledge of any living witness by whom he could establish the foregoing Declaration or prove his services. 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 R. Davis J.P. [signed] Samuel B Davis Sr

Hampshire County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and state of Virginia Samuel B Davis Sen'r. who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the 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 and in the following grades For 221 days I served as a private soldier and for such service I claim a pension

Given under my hand this 2nd day of February 1833

Reuben Davis

NOTE: On 26 June 1852 Ann Davis, 58, resident of Ridgeville in Hampshire County, applied for a pension stating that she married Samuel B. Davis on 7 Dec 1814, and he died 16 Apr 1840. The Clerk of Hampshire County stated that the marriage of Samuel B. Davis and Ann Bogle was officiated by Rev. John Johnson. On 26 Sep 1853 Ann Davis's age was said to be 59. She applied for bounty land on 1 Aug 1855, and on 3 Apr 1858 she applied for a new pension certificate to replace one that was lost.