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Pension application of John Davis W19156

Mourning fn29NC&HQ7¹

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State of North Carolina Johnston County

On the 4th day of September 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County Mrs. Mourning Davis resident of said County aged 82 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the 3rd Section of the act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836. That she is the widow of John Davis who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War that her husband the said John Davis enlisted in the year 1779 in the Army of the United States and served to the end of the war first in Capt. Ballard's and then in Capt. Davis' Company. She further declares that she was legally married to the said John Davis her late husband in the month of March 1778, by Joseph Boon Esquire in the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina and that her maiden name was Mourning Pilkinton

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That about 12 months after they were married her husband left home which was in the Summer time and joined the Army. She can recollect the time from the fact that it was in the midst of the crop season of the year and she was therefore compelled [to] Turn out and work herself to complete and finish the cultivation of the growing crop. That he was absent from that time until the end of the War, and was in the Army in the Service of his Country as she was informed by him and as she has every reason to believe not only from his own declarations but from the declarations of those persons who served with him and who had every reason to know he served to the end of the war, that she has no record of her marriage nor the ages of her Children and she believes there was no record of either made of her late husband John Davis died in the County of Johnston State of North Carolina on the 9th day of November 1831 in the 76th year of his age and that she has been and remains a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto appended.

S/ Mourning Davis, M her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me.

S/ J. G. Gulley, JP

State of North Carolina Johnston County

On this 9th Day of September 1843 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice

¹ The first page of the widow's original application is missing from the Footnote.com version of this application. That page is found as page 4 of 7 on the HeritageQuest.com version of the file.

of the peace in and for the said County Richard Pilkinton² a pensioner as a Soldier of the revolutionary war aged 90 years who being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following affidavit.

This affiant testifies and says That he was well acquainted with John Davis deceased his brother-in-law late of Johnston County who was a Soldier of the revolutionary war that he served with him that he was married to my sister Morning Pilkinton in the month of March 1778 and lived together as man and wife up to the ninth of November 1831 when John Davis died and she has lived a widow ever since this affiant has a perfect recollection of the aforesaid John Davis and of his service and of his marriage and death as set forth by his widow.

Given under my hand the day and year above written.

S/ Richard Pilkinton, R his mark

[fn p. 4 Jacob Adams, 84, a resident of Johnston County North Carolina gave an affidavit in court on September nine, 1843 in which he states that he was acquainted with John Davis, a revolutionary war soldier; that he married Morning Pilkinton in March 1778; that they were married by Joseph Boon Esquire; that John Davis died November nine, 1831; and that Mourning remains a widow.]

[fn p. 10: copy of a marriage bond issued to John Davis & John Pilkinton, bondsmen, dated March 1, 1778, securing the marriage of the said John Davis to Morning Pilkinton and Johnston County North Carolina.]

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State.

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that John Davis a private Soldier in Capt. Ballard's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 30th day of June 1779 for the term of the War and that he drew a land Warrant for his services for the War.

Given under my hand this 16th day of November 1844

S/ W Secretary of Statem Hill,

² [Richard Pilkenton S3701](#)