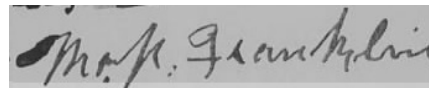


Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Davis W19157 Jane Davis VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [5 Oct 1840]

I Thomas P. Franklin [pension application S8517] do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Samuel Davis in the War of the Revolution, and recollect distinctly that in the Spring of 1776, he enlisted under Capt Terril [sic: Henry Terrell] in the Virginia Continental service for the term of two years, and attached to the 5th Virginia Regiment. He served the said term faithfully, and was honorably discharged. I farther certify, that said Samuel Davis was drafted in the Militia under Capt Herndon, for the term of six months, and marched to the South, and engaged in the battle of Camden in [Aug 16] 1780. He served this tour faithfully. I farther certify, that in 1781, he was drafted again in the militia under Capt [Thomas] McReynolds and marched to Portsmouth, for the term of three months and served the said term faithfully, for he was my messmate. That in the year 1781, he was drafted again in the Militia under Capt Cummings for the term of three months, and marched to Prince Edward Ct. House, Goochland, and joined the main Army in Goochland, under [Robert] Lawson & Lafayette. He served that term faithfully. I am in the 78th year of my age and a pensioner of the United States.



State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

On this 4th day of January 1841, personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of Charlotte now sitting, Nancy Moon one of the children of Jane Davis, deceased, (late widow of Samuel Davis, deceased) a resident of Charlotte County and State of Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows."

She declares that she is one of the children of Jane Davis, deceased, late of the said County and State, who was the Widow of Samuel Davis, deceased, formerly a private in the Continental and Militia service of Virginia in the War of the Revolution. That her mother the said Jane Davis, departed this life in the County of Charlotte, on the 4th day of August, 1839, aged about 82 years. That previous to her death, learning that Congress had passed an act providing for the Widows of deceased officers and soldiers of the Revolution, she and her family of children were endeavouring to obtain the necessary evidence in order to present a Declaration of his services (said Samuel Davis) in order to obtain a Pension, in accordance with the provisions of said Act of Congress: but unfortunately for her said Jane Davis, she died before the same could be accomplished.

She further declares, that she knows nothing personally of the services of her late Father, the said Samuel Davis, in the War of the Revolution, and therefore relies on the Public Records of the Army, and accompanying viz. Certificates, for proof of his service, and the length of time he was in service.

She further declares, that she always understood from her Mother the said Jane Davis, that she and the said Samuel Davis were married in the County of Bedford on the [blank] day of August, 1783, by banns; that the said Samuel Davis, her husband, died on the 28th day of February, Eighteen hundred and thirteen; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, Seventeen hundred and ninty four: about the time above stated.

She further declares that her Mother said Jane Davis, after the death of said Samuel Davis, never intermarried, but remained a Widow to the day of her death.

She further declares, that said Jane Davis at the time of her death left three surviving children, towit: Nancy Moon, Elizabeth Cassell, and John Davis – all of whom are of legal age.

She further declares, that the foregoing Declaration is now presented with a view to recover the amount of Pension, that her Mother would have been entitled to, in case she had lived long enough to make the necessary Declaration, and obtained the proof now furnished. Nancy herXmark Moon

NOTE: The Clerk of Charlotte County certified that he could not find a record of the marriage of Samuel Davis and Jane Franklin. On 15 April 1841 Thomas P. Franklin stated that the children of Samuel and Jane Davis were Nancy, about 56, who married Archibald Moon; Eliza, about 54, who married William Cassell; and John Davis, about 52.