

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Driskill W22974

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Fourth Judicial District of Kentucky

On this 16th day of November 1819 before me the subscriber Judge of the Circuit Courts for said District personally appeared before me David Driskill aged 56 years resident in Gallatin County in said District who being by me first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States During the Revolutionary War. That he the said David Driskill enlisted in Orange County in the State of North Carolina in the month of October 1777 in the Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Coleman of the 10th North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark of the North Carolina Continental line and that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the spring of 1780 when he was discharged at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina by Colonel Little or Lytle -- and that he was in the Battles of Stony Point and Monmouth and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and has no other Evidence of said services than his own Declaration within his power. Sworn to before made this day and date first written.

S/ Saml. McKee {Seal}

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 28th of June 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State that David Drischall a mus. [musician?] in Captain Vannoe's<sup>1</sup> Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 9th of August 1777 for three years or the war, that he was a private June 1778. His discharge is not mentioned.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 17]

State of Kentucky Henry Circuit

On this second day of September 1823 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record in the County aforesaid having the power of fine and imprisonment and a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and which have been solemnly adjudged by the tribunals of the Several states to be a Court of record David Driskill aged 61 years, resident of said Circuit & County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following

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<sup>1</sup> Probably, Capt. Andrew Vannoy (also spelled, Van Noy and Vanois)

declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of 18th day of March 1818, the 1st May 1820 and 1st March 1823, that he the said David Driskill enlisted for the term of three years on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1778 in the State of Virginia North Carolina under Captain Benjamin Coleman -- in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Clark and Colonel Patton under General Gates -- in the line of the State of Virginia and North Carolina -- in the 10th Regiment in the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the Corps until the year 1781 when he was discharged from the said service at a place between Wilmington & Charlestown by Colonel Lytle in the State of North Carolina.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Property now owned		property Cont'd in the first Schedule	
One horse	\$25	one horse	\$25
One Cow	8	One Cow	8
3 Hoggs	3	Sundry propy	10
Shovel plow	2	8 Hogg	8
ax	1	house funshin	20
hoe	1		\$71
plow geer	2		
Cuupboard furshin	5		
Spinning wheels	5		
	\$51		

S/ David Driskill, X his mark

Changes none except hogs made pork off

S/ David Driskill, X his mark

and he further and the time & place aforesaid further made oath that he has one child living with him to wit Greenup aged 13 years old -- not able to support himself -- that he the said fiscal is a common laborer.

S/ David Driskill, X his mark

Sworn to and declared in open court before me

S/ Henry Davidge, Ct. Judge

[fn p. 32: in an application for a transfer of his pension benefit from Kentucky to Montgomery County Illinois, David Driskill gave as his reason for moving that "his youngest son, who has undertaken to keep the deponent & mother during her life was desirous of removing to Illinois & did removed to Illinois and he accompanied his son."]

[fn p. 10: on January 10, 1844 in Montgomery County Illinois, Agnes Driscoll, A.D., filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of David Driskill a pensioner at the rate of eight dollars per month for his services in the revolution; that she married him

December 11, 1783 near Hillsboro in North Carolina and that her husband died in Montgomery County on the 18th of January 1842; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 11: Jane Driskill, daughter in law of David and Agnes Driscoll gave a supporting affidavit in Montgomery County Illinois on January 10, 1844]

[fn p. 14: on October five, 1844 in Montgomery County Illinois, Nancy Shields made oath that she is the daughter of David and Agnes Driscoll; that in his lifetime her father was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of eight dollars per month for his services in the revolution; that he died January 18, 1842; and that her mother is still living and a widow; she states from her best information she was born in March 1790 and will be 55 years old next March; that she had two brothers and one sister older than herself; "she further states that in years past there was in the family a pocket Bible in which there was a register of the births of all her parents children that she has reason to believe that David is Driskill, her oldest brother took the said book with him when he moved to Ioway [Iowa] some eight or 10 years ago. That her said Brother has been dead about seven years."]

[fn p. 20: on March 26 1845 in Montgomery County Illinois, Greenberry Driskill gave testimony that he is the youngest son of David and Agnes Driscoll; "he further states, on receiving information from Mr. Daniel Hay, that it would be necessary to procure the said Bible for the purpose of establishing the marriage of his parents, he wrote to his nephew in Iowa and finally went himself about one month ago near 200 miles to Iowa and from all the inquiry he could make, the said Bible has not been seen since the death of his said brother Davis Driscoll...."]

[fn p. 23: in March 1845 in Montgomery County Illinois, John Owen made oath that he married Sarah Driskill Daughter of David and Agnes Driscoll; "he further states that about nine years ago he got a Mr. Trader to set down in a Bible his own, his wife & children's births that the register of the birth of Sarah Owen, which is cut from said Bible, and here attached by wafering, is to the best of his knowledge a true register of the births of said Sarah Driskill (now Owen) he further states that to his knowledge there were five children of said David and Agnes who were older than his said wife Sarah." That register reads:  
"John Owen was born April 16<sup>th</sup> 1797  
Sarah Owen was born January 16<sup>th</sup> 1794"]

[fn p. 29: on March 6, 1844, in Sangamon County Illinois, Tennessee Driscoll, 56, gave testimony in support of his mothers application for a widow's pension.]

[Facts in file: to wit his name prior to her marriage to David Driskill was Agnes Green. The following children of the soldier all referred to in the file: Davis, the oldest son, moved to Iowa territory about 1834 or 36 and died there about 1837; Timothy Driskill, born about 1788 and made affidavit in Springfield Illinois in 1844; Nancy Shields or Sheilds, the fourth child, born and March 1790; Sarah, the sixth child, born January 16, 1794, married about 1817, John Owen; Green Bury Driskill, the youngest son. Two grandsons all referred to, both the sons of Daviess Driskill but the only one named in the file is Miles Driscoll who resided near West Point in Iowa.]

[Unfortunately, this file includes a cover sheet for Jeremiah Driskill, who is identified as being a private in the Massachusetts line indicating warrant Number 4038 issued March 25, 1790.]