

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

Pension application of Edmund Davis W3393      Milly (Mildred)      fn83SC  
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Commonwealth of Virginia 8th Judicial Circuit Court

On this sixth day of May 1818, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia, of which the 8th Circuit aforesaid is a part, personally appeared Edmund Davis aged sixty-two years, resident in the County of Nelson, and in this said Circuit, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, 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 in the Revolutionary War" That he the said Edmund Davis enlisted in the first Regiment under [one or more indecipherable words] of South Carolina troops in the State of South Carolina, and in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Pinckney of Charleston (S C) and of the first Regiment aforesaid. -- That he continued to serve in the said Corps, or, in the service of the United States until the close of the revolution and that he was in the Battle of Stono, and Fort Moultrie, also at the Sieges of Savannah and Charlestown where he was taken prisoner also, was taken at Camden and Point Fork and that he enlisted at the commencement of the revolution and continued until he was taken at the several places as aforesaid, where he escaped from the enemy and [indecipherable word interlined] in our camp at Vax alls [sic, Waxhaws?] -- & so has continued in our service ever since, that is, in the militia, -- and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Archibald Stuart

District of Virginia Nelson County

On this 28th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County Edmund Davis aged sixty-five years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he enlisted in the year 1775 under Captain Thomas Pinckney in the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles C. Pinckney in the State of South Carolina on Continental establishment for eighteen months and continued with him until his term of enlistment expired: and that he enlisted again in the year 1777 under Captain Thomas Pinckney in the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles C. Pinckney in the State of South Carolina, on Continental establishment during the War: that he was at the battle and siege of Savannah, under the command of General Lincoln and at the battle of Stono, Sullivan's Island

and at the siege of Charlestown and there taken prisoner and that he remained with the British 4 or 5 days and then made his escape and was taken prisoner again in Camden in the State of South Carolina and remained with the British 8 or 9 weeks. He then made his escape from the enemy and joined General Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and went with him to the battle of the Hanging Rock and the battle of Fishing Creek where he was defeated and after which the forces got scattered and he then joined a company of Militia in Goochland County Virginia under Captain Samuel Richardson in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Hopkins and remained with him until the end of the war. They made a declaration in the month last past, that he received a pension Certificate of the number 1295. 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

one Negro woman about 60 years old	\$50
Two horses \$50 -- 12 head of hogs \$20	70
one table & cupboard	7
Some plates, dishes spoons basons knives & forks, cups & saucers	12.25
Three pots and two ovens	6
One pail & one piggin	1
One woman's saddle	12
One man's saddle	20
One plough & one coalter	1.25
½ dozen split bottom chairs	2
1 Frying pan	.75
One Coffee pot	.50
One silver Watch \$10 & 2 spinning wheels \$4	14
Two stone jugs \$1.50 1 batter pot \$.75	<u>2.25</u>
	\$183

And I do further declare that my occupation is a farmer: that I am by no means able to carry it on myself -- that I have a wife aged about fifty-three years: one daughter aged about 24 years and one son aged about 14 years all of home all very unable to support themselves by their own labor -- that I now live on rented land and owe debts to the amount of \$250 or \$300.

S/ Edmund Davis

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Edmund Davis was a Soldier in the Light Infantry Company of the first Continental Regiment of South Carolina, & was taken prisoner at the Surrender of Charleston in the year 1780. He says he escaped from Imprisonment, & a few years after the war returned to his native State of Virginia, & resided ever since in Nelson County. Whether the old man who applies for this certificate is the identical Edmund Davis who was in the first Regiment of which I was Colonel, I cannot after the lapse of such a number of years declare: but from his knowledge of what passed in the Regiment I believe he must have belonged to it: and his neighbors in Nelson County

Virginia will be able to ascertain his identity. Given under my hand November 24, 1818 –

S/ Charles Cotesworth Pinckney

Late Colonel 1st Continental Regiment of South Carolina and late Major General in the armies of the United States

War Department Pension Office March 11 1820

I hereby certify that it appears from the rolls of the first South Carolina Regiment on file in this office, that Edmund Davis a private -- enlisted in December 1776 for the War and was on the rolls as a Corporal in February 1780 –

S/ J. L. Edwards

[fn p. 13: on October 15, 1838 in Amherst County Virginia, Milley Davis, 72 on the 13th day of December next, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Edmund Davis, that she has no documentary evidence other than her husband's pension application dated August 28, 1820; that she married him September 4, 1793; that they were married by the Reverend Ezekiel Campbell in Amherst County under a license issued in that County; that her maiden name was Milley Fitzgerald; that her husband died Me a, 1835; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 18: on May 28, 1855 in Amherst County Virginia, Milley Davis, about 88, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Edmund Davis.]

[fn p. 77: on June 9, 1866, Milley Davis, 102, filed in Amherst County Virginia for the reinstatement of her pension as a waiter of a revolutionary war veteran.]