

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry W. Davis W350

Judah Davis

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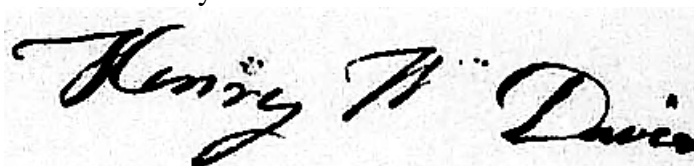
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District of West Tennessee

Henry W. Davis a citizen of Williamson County in the District aforesaid came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his services as a Continental soldier in the revolutionary war in conformity with the provisions of an act of Congress. And after being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he enlisted as a Continental soldier in the Virginia Continental line under the command of Captain William Adams and was marched and joined the Army at Albemarle old court house, and was under the command of Captain Kirkpatrick, under the command of Colonel William Gaskins, next under the command of Colonel Febigah [Christian Febiger] in the Virginia Continental line, does not know what Regiment. That he enlisted in the year 1779 for 18 months and faithfully served his time and was discharged, that he was in no general action but in some skirmishes. That he has long since lost his discharge. That he is in extreme poverty and much needs the aid of Government. That he is in his 61st year, old and very infirm.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 4th April 1820

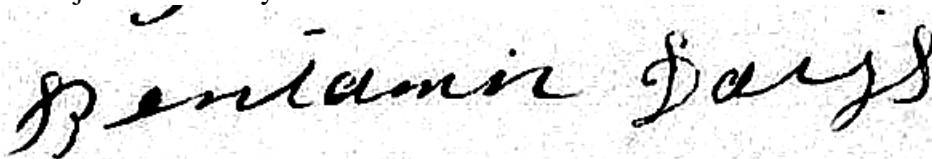
S/ Henry W. Davis



S/ John McNairy

District Judge

[p 32: Benjamin Davis (relationship, if any, not stated) gave an affidavit that he knew applicant to be a soldier in the Virginia line, that Henry Davis was taken sick during his service, came home, got well and rejoined the army and served out his time.



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State of Tennessee 4th Circuit Davidson County: SS

On this 21st day of November 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said circuit & County Henry W Davis aged 61 years and upwards resident in Williamson County in said circuit who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: he enlisted as a soldier in the Virginia Continental line in a company commanded by Capt. William Adams an Fluvannah County Virginia, and joined the Army under Capt.

Kirkpatrick at Albemarle old Court house the Regiment was then commanded by Col. William Gaskins & shortly after was under the command of Col. Fabigar [Christian Febiger], does not know what Regiment he enlisted about the 1st of April 1779 for 18 months, serve the whole time and was discharged in October 1781 & was discharged by Col. Fibeger at Cumberland old courthouse. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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. His property is: 1 featherbed & furniture worth \$20, one [indecipherable word] bed & bed clothes worth \$10, one Barshear plow worth \$2, a shovel plow \$1, one tone plow \$1, one Coulter plow worth ¾ of a dollar, 2 axes worth \$3, 4 hoes worth \$3, one Sowel & 8 shotes worth \$10, one set of knives & forks worth \$1.50, half dozen delf plates \$.75, 1 set of wedges \$1, 2 delf dishes \$1, 10 geese worth \$5, 8 chickens \$1, 2 guinea fowls \$.50, 1 washing tub \$.50, one pail, \$.50, 2 piggins & one noggin \$1, one small Cocks chain \$.75, 1 pair of drawing planes \$2, 2 balls \$1, all the rest of my property & household furniture has been sold to satisfy a just debt.

Sworn to and declared on the 25th of November 1820 in open court before me.

S/ Thomas S Stuart, Judge

S/ Henry W Davis

His occupation is a farmer he is able to work but little on account of Rheumatism & sciatica pains, he is also very nearsighted, he has a wife named Judith 58 years of age unable to help much, she is crippled by a fall from a horse, he has one daughter named Polly only that lives with him and assist in maintaining the family, she is in her 15th year and is able to give considerable assistance all the rest of his children have left him and are providing for themselves, he has one grandchild lives with him 4 years old named Parable Venable which he provides for as his mother is dead & father ran away, that from the property which he has and his own ability to labor and the assistance of his family which he can command he is unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country.

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State of Tennessee, Williamson County

On this sixth day of August 1821 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said Circuit and County, Henry W. Davis, aged Sixty two years and upwards, resident in Williamson County in said circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: he enlisted as a soldier in the Virginia Continental line in a company commanded by Captain William Adams in Fluvanna County Virginia, and joined the army under Capt. Kirkpatrick at Albemarle Old Courthouse. The regiment was commanded by Colonel William Gaskins and shortly after was under the command of Col. Febiger, does not know in what regiment. He enlisted about the first of April 1779 for eighteen months, served the whole time, and was discharged in October 1781 by Col. Febiger at Cumberland Old Courthouse in Virginia. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 15th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18th 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 heretofore annexed, and by me subscribed.

His property is one feather bed worth \$20, 1 straw bed and clothes worth \$10, 1 banshear plough worth \$2, one shovel plough \$1, one tongue plough \$1, one coulter plough worth .75 cents, 2 axes worth \$3, four hoes worth \$3, 1 sow and six shoats worth \$10, one set of knives and forks worth

\$1.50, ½ dozen delf plates 75 cts, one set of Wedges \$1, 2 delf Dishes \$1, 8 chickens \$1, Two Guinea fowls worth fifty cents, 1 washing tub worth 50 cts, 1 pail 50 cts, 2 piggins and one noggin, \$1, 1 small lock chain 75 cts, 1 pair of drawing chains \$2, 1 Bell 50 cts. In all amounting to \$61.65. All the rest of his property and household furniture has been sold to satisfy just debts. His occupation is a farmer, he is able to work but little on account of Rheumatism and Sciatica pains, he is also very nie [sic, near?] sighted. He has a wife named Judith fifty eight years of age, unable to help him much, she is crippled from a fall of [off] a horse. He has one daughter named Polly who is the only child that lives with him and assists in maintaining his family, she is in her sixteenth year. All the rest of his children have left him and are providing for themselves and are over twenty one years of age. He has one grandchild four years old that lives with him, named Parable Venables, which he provides for as his mother is dead and father has left the state That from the property he has and his own ability to labour and assistance of his family which he can command he is unable to support himself without the assistance of his country.

S/ Henry W. Davis

Sworn to and declared on the sixth day of August 1821 in open court before me

S/ Thos. Stuart, Judge.

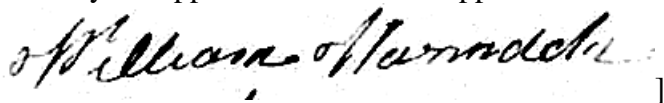
Which being heard and seen by the court and understood it is considered by the court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in said schedule is not worth more than \$61.65 and that the said property in said schedule, exclusive of the bedding, is not worth more than \$31.85, and that the same be so certified by the clerk of this court.

S/ William Smith, Clerk of Williamson County Circuit Court

[p 11: Judah Davis, 78 as of March 1843, resident of Benton County, Tennessee, in May 1843 filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Henry W Davis, a revolutionary war pensioner, stating that she married Henry W. Davis on 1st Aug. 1787 and her husband died 1st Jan. 1837. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

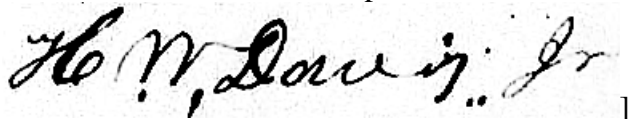
[p 25: Copy of a marriage bond dated August 17, 1786 issued in Goochland County Virginia to Henry W Davis and David Layne, bondsmen, conditioned upon the marriage of Henry W Davis and Judith Walmack [sic].]

[p 12: On May 22, 1843, in Benton County Tennessee, William Wammack and John Ragsdale gave testimony in support of the widow's application.



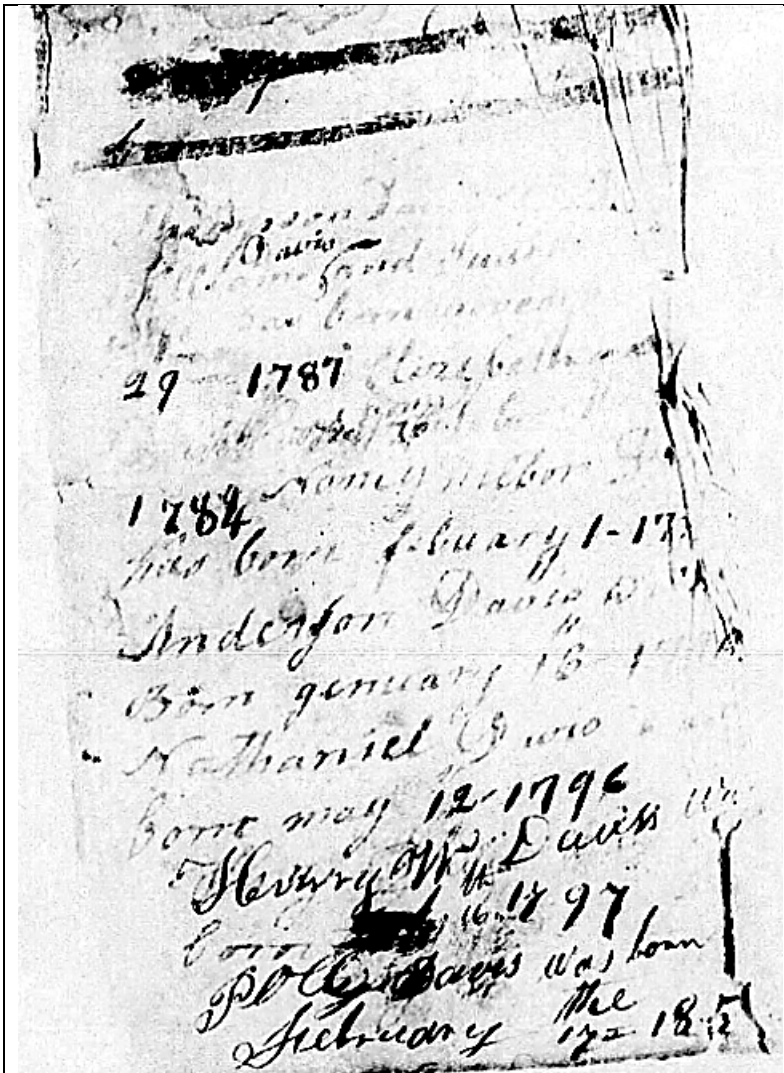
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[p 12: On May 22, 1843, in Benton County Tennessee, Henry W Davis, Junior, a citizen of Benton County gave testimony that he saw Henry W Davis senior who drew a pension as alleged by Judah Davis die January 1, 1837 and that the widow has remained such since the death of her husband. He does not state his relationship to the veteran or his widow.



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[p 16: There is a Bible record in this file but it is mostly illegible, at least in the Fold3.com version. The following is what I think I see in that record:



Anderson Davis was
Born genuary 16 17??

Nathaniel Davis was
born may 2 1796

Henry W. Davis was
born [illegible] 16th 1797

Polly Davis was born
February the
17th 185

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[p 17: On July 25, 1843 in Wayne County Tennessee, Lucy Ramsey a resident of said County gave testimony that she is about 66 years of age; that she was personally acquainted with Judah Davis the widow of Henry W Davis, a revolutionary war pensioner; that Henry W Davis and Judah were married August one, 1787 in Goochland County Virginia; the reason she recollects their marriage is that she is the sister of Judah Davis (the affiant's oldest sister) and that the affiant was at the wedding. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 19: On August 4, 1843 in Williamson County Tennessee, Lewis Humphrey, 68, gave testimony that he was acquainted with Judah Davis the widow of Henry W Davis, a revolutionary war pensioner; that the affiant was a cousin of Henry W Davis and lived near the couple in Fluvanna County Virginia. He signed his name with his mark.]

[p 22: A very faint image of what appears to be an affidavit given by Henry W Davis Junior stating that his mother died October 21, 1843 leaving only 4 children surviving her, Thompson Davis, Anderson Davis, Henry W Davis, the affiant, and Mary Ragsdale

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 4th, 1818, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]