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Pension application of Joel Davis W351

Rebecca fn41NC

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State of Tennessee Sevier County: On this 25th day of July 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before me Edward Scott one of the Judges of law and equity for the State of Tennessee and for the Second Judicial Circuit in the Circuit Court for said now sitting Joel Davis resident of said Sevier County in the County of Sevier and State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In June 1780 volunteered in Johnston County North Carolina under Capt. Edmond Griffin and Col. Allen marched from said place to Charleston South Carolina was with General William Caswell served three months was in no battle got a discharge signed by said Capt. Griffin and Col. Allen which is lost.

Again in November 1780 he volunteered as a private under Capt. Phillip Thomas Lieut. Hanby & Major William Dennis in the said Johnston County North Carolina marched from Johnston County North Carolina to the Cheraw Hills on the Pedee [River] against the British was in no battle served three months got a discharge signed by said Capt. Thomas and Major Dennis which is lost.

Again in March 1781 in said Johnston County North Carolina volunteered under Capt. Asa Briant the Col.'s name not recollected but was under General Butler Marched to Camded [sic, Camden] South Carolina was in the Army at the battle<sup>1</sup> of Camden General Greene [Nathanael Greene] commanded that day Served three months got a discharge signed by said Briant which is lost.

Again in June 12th 1781 in said Johnston County North Carolina volunteered under Major Reden Blount [Reading Blount] in the third Regiment of North Carolina twelve months men there was no Capt. at the first it was a Major's Company Marched from said County to the Eutaw Springs<sup>2</sup> in South Carolina & was in the Eutaw battle after the battle he was transferred into Capt. Thomas Armstrong's Company in the first Regiment of North Carolina twelve months man as he believes, at this time his number in said Company was 31 he served twelve months got a discharge which was signed by said Capt. Armstrong and Major James McKee which discharge he returned into the payments office at Halifax and has not seen it since he believes the roll is now in the war department at Washington.

Again in October 1782 in said Johnston County North Carolina volunteered under Capt. Robert Gillespie in the Cavalry marched from said County against the Tories of North Carolina

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<sup>1</sup> Battle of Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hobkirk.htm>

<sup>2</sup> Battle of Eutaw Springs September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

in different parts was discharged at Col. Benton this in Orring [Orange] County three miles above Hillsboro served three months got a discharge signed by said Capt. Gillespie and Major Joel Lewis which is lost. Served in all twenty-four months. He is the same man that Gilmore A. Howard of Cocke County wrote to the Secretary of War for an 1824 or five and informed him that his name is to be found in the war department. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. He has no documentary evidence nor no person by whom he can prove actual service.

Sworn to in open court

S/ P. M. Wear, Clk

S/ Joel Davis

[Thomas Hill, a clergyman, and Joseph Clark gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Sevier County: On this 5th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before Joseph Rogers, John Mullendall & John Beabran three of the acting Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Joel Davis a resident of said County and State in the said County of Sevier in State of Tennessee who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration which was made in the Circuit Court in and for the County and State bears date July 25, 1832 and was numbered in the War department No. 3066 and sent back for amendment. That he is the same Joel Davis that made the declaration above mentioned. He was born in Grandville County [sic, Granville County] North Carolina but now Wake County on the first of October 1783. He has a record of his age in his family Bible at home. He lived in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] North Carolina when called into the service and continued to live there till after the war was over and till the year 1785 then moved to Halifax County lived there till 1789 he then removed to Wake County lived there till 1792 then removed to Johnston County lived there about three years thence into Wayne County lived there about four years thence to Greene County lived there about two years thence to Onslow County lived there about two years thence to Clark County lived there about one year thence to and slow County lived there about one year thence into Wake County lived there about two years thence into Iredell County lived there nearly two years thence into Buncombe County lived there about two years thence into Cocke County Tennessee lived 14 or 15 years thence to Jefferson County lived there two years thence into Sevier County where he now lives he was a school master the greater part of the time. He never received a commission. He is known in his present neighborhood to Amos Clark, Aaron Roberts, George Bush, Rev. Daniel Layman and John Ferguson all of whom he believes could testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe he was a soldier in the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in open Court this 5 December 1832

S/ Geo. McCown, Clerk

S/ Joel Davis

[fn p. 11: on December 2, 1843 and Jefferson County Tennessee, Rebecca Davis, 89, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Joel Davis, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of 80 dollars per annum; that she married him February 4, 1785; that he died February 12, 1841; that she remains his widow.]

State of Tennessee Jefferson County: December County Court A.D. 1843

On this fourth day of December A.D. 1843, Thomas C. Davis a reputable witness

appeared in open Court and presented the Family Bible of Joel Davis deceased and after being duly sworn according to law, made the following declaration, that said Bible was the family Bible of Joel Davis deceased who was a Revolutionary Soldier and pensioner of the United States. That the same has been in his possession ever since the death of said Joel Davis. That he is acquainted with his hand writing having seen him frequently write and that the record made their end of his marriage, ages and the birth of his children and grandchildren years as he believes in his own proper handwriting. The court after hearing the testimony and examining the Record am fully satisfied that the same is genuine and by order of the court the clerk cut out in their presence said record. They also examined the proceedings had before James Taff Esquire on the second instant and approved of the same.

All of which they ordered to be certified

#### Marriages

I Joel Davis Senior was Married to Rebecca Coats on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 1785 Married in Wake County North Carolina

#### Births

I Joel Davis Senior was Born in Wake County North Carolina October the first Day and in the year of our Blessed Lord 1763

My children's Ages that I had by Rebecca Coats my lawful wife

Barbara Davis was Born in Hallafax County [sic, Halifax] North Carolina October the 22 Day 1785

Births of Barbara Roberts children ages as she had by Benjain Roberts

Rebecca was born Made 14th 1812

Frankie was born April ninth 1814

Joel was born August 15th 1816

Anna was born October 31st 1818

Peter was born June 13th 1820

Barbara was born February 20th 1825

John was born June 30th 1826

Abednego was born June 26 1830

My Joel Davis Junior Was Born in Johnston County North Carolina August the 24 1791

My Daughter Barbara Davis Roberts now her children's ages

Thomas Coates Davis November six 1808

James Porter Davis son of Thomas Davis & Levina his wife was born July the 14th 1839

I Joel Davis moved into Jefferson from Sevier February the 13th 1834

Joshua Roberts was born November 8th 1802

Elizabeth Roberts was born June the ninth 1804

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Joel Davis a private in Capt. Doherty's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in the year 1781, and that his time was out the third day of July 1782.

Given under my hand this 11th day of June 1833

S/ Wm Hill