

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Davis W3783

Elizabeth Davis f42NC

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State of Georgia Walton County } Special Inferior Court February 24th 1845

On this 24th day of February 1845 personally appeared before the Honorable the Inferior Court held in and for said County the same being a Court of Record Mrs. Elizabeth Davis a resident of said County and State aged seventy-six years the 16th day of March 1845 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed on this seventh day of July 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Benjamin Davis who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and served as a private in the North Carolina Continental line and Militia of the United States Army under the following named Officers viz. Captain Shepherd [Abraham Sheppard, Jr.], Colonel Shepherd [Abraham Sheppard] Continental officers and Captain Gholsten [William Gholson] and Colonel Leittle [sic, John Luttrell] militia officers as she has always understood and verily believes in the manner hereinafter stated to wit. That he enlisted in the month of May 1777 for the Term of three years and entered the service of the USA under Captain Shepherd of the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Abraham Shepherd and faithfully served out the period of his enlistment and was legally discharged and returned to his father's house in Chatham County North Carolina where he resided And that afterwards to wit in the year 1782 in the month of July or August he volunteered or enlisted for the Term of 18 months and entered the service of the United States under Captain Gholsten in Colonel Lytle's Regiment known and distinguished by name of North Carolina eighteen months men and marched to Ashley Hill South Carolina the headquarters of the American Army where they United with General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Command from thence the whole Army marched to same James Island near Charleston South Carolina where they remained until peace was made known to the Army in July 1783 he North Carolina eighteen months men then returned and was thereafter discharged which said Regiment the said Benjamin belonged to making about eleven months from the time they entered the service until they were honorably discharged making his whole Term of service three years and eleven months three years as a private of the Continental line and eleven months as a private in the North Carolina Militia or eighteen months men. That she has no Documentary evidence of his services as aforesaid further that the Certificate of Comptroller General of North Carolina which is now here in Court. And deponent further states that the said Benjamin Davis died on the ___ day of ___ 1816 in Jefferson County State of Georgia And deponent further declares that she was legally married to the said Benjamin Davis on the 15th day of January 1786 in Chatham

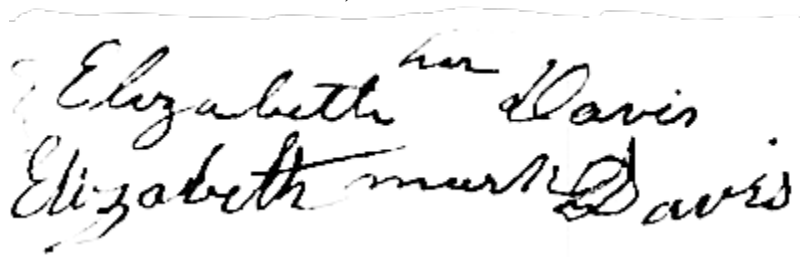
County State of North Carolina and removed from thence to Burke County formally now Jefferson County State of Georgia where her husband died on the day aforesaid. That she has no Documentary evidence showing the date of their marriage as aforesaid further than her family Bible now in Court which has been in her possession ever since her husband's death which is in the hand writing of Wiley Belcher who is now dead. That the said Wiley registered the date of marriage in a short time prior to her husband's death by their request and that a short time after her husband's death he appended what appears by her request.

She has remained a widow ever since that period of her husband's death. That she has not married prior to her husband's last service but was married prior to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 24th day of February 1845

Attest: S/ W. W. Worrell, Clk

S/ Elizabeth Davis, X her mark

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature is written twice, once above the other. The top signature reads "Elizabeth Davis" with a small "her" written above the "Davis" part. The bottom signature reads "Elizabeth married Davis". The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box.

Personally appeared in open Court John B. Davis a resident of Walton County Georgia aged 36 years past -- who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that Benjamin Davis his father died on the __ day of February 1816 in Jefferson County Georgia leaving Elizabeth the declarant deponent's mother his widow and that she is still his widow.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 24th day of February 1845

S/ John B. Davis

[p 5: On February 24, 1845 in Walton County Georgia, George Daniel, 62, testified that he was born in Chatham County North Carolina; that his father removed to Burke County formally now Jefferson County Georgia in 1786; he recollects distinctly that Nancy Davis the eldest child of Benjamin and Elizabeth Davis was born in the winter of the same year; and that he recollects the above dates from the date of his own age as he was three years old in September the same month and year they reached Benjamin Davis' house in Burke County Georgia.]

[p 5: On the same day in Walton County Joseph Herndon,¹ 80, testified that he formerly resided in Chatham County North Carolina; was acquainted with Benjamin Davis and his wife Elizabeth Daniel formally now Elizabeth Davis; that they were married legally in 178_; that "Benjamin was always reputed to have been a faithful soldier in the American Cause but this deponent never knew him in the capacity of a soldier being himself principally engaged in the military Services of said state."]

[p 9-11: family record]

Rachel Rebeccah Moon was born the 6 day of August 1841 and departed this life the 25 of same

¹ [Joseph Herndon S31740](#)

month and year above

Deaths.

*Rachel Rebecca Moon
was borned the 6. day of
August 1841. and Departed
this life the 25 of the same
month and year—above written*

Benjamin Davis was Married to Elizabeth Daniel January 15th 1786

Nancy Davis was born the eighth of December 1786

and lived together until we had 12 children & B. Davis Died -- & the youngest was born October the 11th 1813

Thomas B. Moon was married to Emeliann Davis the 12th of August in the year of our Lord 1828 in the [illegible] year of his Age

Jesse Benjamin Davis son of Thomas B. and Emeliann Moon was born the sixth of January 1830 and departed this life the 11th of February in the year of our Lord 1830

William Frances Moon was born the 17th of December in the year of our Lord 183? [Last digit obliterated]

Wootson D. Moon was Borne the 15th of February 1833 A.D.

Elizabeth Sarahan Moon was born the 11th May 1835

Lydiaann Hesseltine Moon was born August 7th 1837

FAMILY RECORD.

Marriages.

Benjamin Dary was
 married to Elizabeth Davis
 in January 15th 1786
 Nancy Davis was born 8th
 of December 1786.
 And lived together until
 we had 12 children & B.
 Davis Died. - & the younger
 was born Feb^{ry} 11th 1813.

Thomas B. Moon
 was married to
 Emeliana Davis
 the 12th of August
 in the year of our
 Lord 1828 in the
 12th year of his age

Marriages.

Births.

Miss Benjamin Estlin
 daughter of Thomas
 and Emeliana
 was born
 the 11th of January
 1831 and
 departed this
 life the 11th of
 February in the
 year of our
 Lord 1830

William Francis
 Moon was born
 the 17th of December in
 year of our Lord 1830

Watson D. Moon was
 born the 15th of February
 1835 A.C.

Elizabeth Sarah Moon was
 born the 11th of May 1835
 Lydia Ann Hefertine Moon
 was born Augst 7th 1837

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office that a Warrant for the services of Benjamin Davis a private Soldier of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, was issued on the 11th day of May 1784, No. 825, for 51 months service, drawn by Lt. Linton.

Given under my hand this 21st July 1845
S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State.

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Benjamin Davis a private Soldier in Captain Shepherd's [sic] Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the second day of May 1777 for the term of three years.

Given under my hand this 21st day of July 1845
S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[p 24: letters of administration issued in Jefferson County Georgia on May six, 1816, to Elizabeth Davis, Elnathan Davis, John Cox and Willey Belcher to administer the estate of Benjamin Davis.]

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State of Georgia Paulding County: Be it known that on this the 13th day of February 1845 before me Churchill Mason a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County aforesaid appeared Micajah Brooks² a resident of said County and State aged 79 or 80 years of age who being first duly sworn deposeth on his oath make the following statements that he was born and raised in Chatham County State of North Carolina and was immediately [sic, intimately] acquainted with Benjamin Davis of the said Place and lived immediately in the same neighborhood of said Benjamin Davis until he was 14 years of age when he entered in the Regular Service under Captain Benjamin Few [of Georgia] the recruiting officer and deponent says that he was commanded by Colonel Literal [sic, John Luttrell] & Captain William Golson [sic, William Gholson] Deponent further says that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Davis who was then in the Service of the Revolutionary war under the above named officers Deponent further says that he has since been informed and so he believes that the said Benjamin Davis into the service in the year 1777 for the Term of three years under Captain Shepherd Deponent further says that he knows but little about his service only as he who was with him and deponent believes that the said Benjamin Davis faithfully served his term out According to his Enlistment and that he was legally and honorably discharged. Deponent further states that he himself was marched under Captain Benjamin Few to Georgia where he remained until about the close of the war when he returned back to North Carolina where he still found the said Benjamin Davis in the service of the United States under Golson & Luttrell officers of the United States and Deponent further states that the said Benjamin Davis and Elizabeth Daniel was legally married as Deponent was credibly informed and so he believes in the year 1786 in Chatham County North Carolina and removed from thence to Jefferson County and State of Georgia where the said Benjamin Davis died leaving Elizabeth Davis as his widow and that Deponent is credibly informed that she is still his widow and that she now resides in Walton County State of Georgia. Sworn to and subscribed

² [Micajah Brooks W27694](#)

before made this the 13th of February 1845

S/ Micajah Brooks, X his mark

S/ Churchill Mason, JIC

[p 30: Court order issued in Jefferson County Georgia appointing Benjamin Davis as Guardian of Orren Horn Goodgame, an orphan, possessed of a considerable estate. The order is dated January 25, 1808.]

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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears of record in this Office, that a Warrant for the services of Benjamin Davis a private soldier of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, was issued on the 12th day of December 1796, No.4233, to the heirs of Benjamin Davis for 84 months service, drawn by Duncan Stuart. Given under my hand this 21st day of July 1845

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]