

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

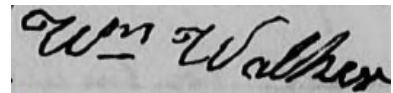
Pension Application of Edward Davidson W3958                      Judith Davidson                      VA  
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State of Virginia

At a court held for Buckingham county at the Courthouse thereof on monday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of march 1840.

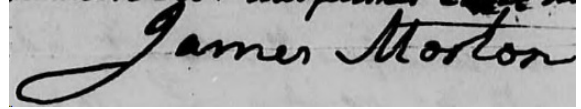
On this day personally appeared before the County Court of Buckingham, Judith Davidson a resident of the said county, aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled, "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows;" That she is the widow of Edward Davidson dec'd late of the county of Buckingham who served two years as a private soldier in the army of the revolution, that she has no knowledge of the particulars of his service but what she has since heard, and refers to the affidavits of James Morton [pension application S9035] and William Walker [S6340] dated the 22<sup>d</sup> day of January 1840. that her said husband was the same person whose service is proved by the affidavits of said Walker and Morton above refered to, and hereto annexed. That she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim, and is ignorant whether whether any exists. She further declares that she was married to the said Edward Davidson in the month of March, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty six, that her husband the said Edward Davidson died on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year eighteen hundred & twenty seven. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz: at the time above stated. She further states that she has not been enabled to obtain any town, County, parish, Church, family, or other record proof o her said marriage, and of the time when it took place. That she has never been married to an other person since the death of her said husband, and that her said husband never received any pension.                      Judith herXmark Davidson

The affidavit of Capt. William Walker of Cumberland County Virginia taken at his house in said County on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of January 1840. This affiant being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Edward Davidson dec'd late of Buckingham County Virginia, that he entered the service with this affiant in the Revolutionary War in the spring of 1776, under Capt John Morton of Prince Edward County Virginia, and that he served two years as a private soldier in the fourth Virginia Regiment Commanded he thinks at the beginning of the service by Col Robert Lawson, & attached to the brigade commanded by General Stevens [sic: Adam Stephen], and afterwards by Gen'l. Charles Scott to the best of his recollection. that this affiant and the said Davidson were both discharged together at the Valley forge in the Spring of the year 1778 & that he was a good Soldier & a respectable citizen. This affiant knows that he was not married when he entered the service nor till several years after he came out of it. And further this affiant saith not.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Walker".

The affidavit of James Morton of the County of Cumberland in the State of Virginia taken at the residence of Doctor William S. Morton of said County on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of January 1840. This affiant being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he enlisted and was at first the orderly or 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant in the Company raised for the Revolutionary service early in the year 1776, by Capt John Morton of Prince Edward County Virginia who was the father of this affiant, and shortly after this company was raised this affiant was commissioned an ensign & afterwards a lieutenant. Said Company was enlisted for two years and was attached to the fourth Virginia Regiment in the Continental service, at one time under the Command

of General Adam Stevens. This affiant well remembers that William Walker, who has given the annexed affidavit concerning Edwd. Davidson dec'd late of Buckingham County, and also the said Edward Davidson were privates in the Company above referred to, and marched with it into the service & served for a considerable length of time, he thinks the full time of their enlistment two years, but of this he cannot now speak positively having himself continued in the service during the War. This affiant knew said Davidson well in the Service where he was a good Soldier, & knew him afterwards having seen him at his residence in Buckingham County long after the war. He was not married till he left the service. And further saith not.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Morton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTE: A document in the file certifies that Rev. Greenberry Green returned to the Buckingham County Clerk a record of the marriage of Edward Davidson and Judith Pendleton on 2 March 1786. On 4 Nov 1844 Judith Davidson was living in Appomattox County VA and was said to be about 80, and on 20 July 1848 she was said to be 85.