

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Walter Davis W4170 Mary Davis VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th May, 1828, I Walter Davis of Jackson Township in the County of Jackson in the State of Ohio, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination; at which Period, I was a private in Captain Thomas West's Company in the Tenth Virginia Regiment of the Virginia line.

And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of Eighty dollars, to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of May, 1825, on the Pension List of the United States.

Witness my hand, this 27th day of October in the year of our Lord 1829.

Signed Walter hisXmark Davis

[This claim was rejected because the name Walter Davis could not be found among those of the Virginia line who were issued certificates for \$80 for having served to the end of the war.]

State of Ohio Jackson County Ss}

On this 21st day of April AD 1840 personally appeared before the Court of Common pleas of the State and County aforesaid Walter Davis a resident of Jackson County and State of Ohio aged Eighty seven years the 9 day of March 1840 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States on or about the 25th day of December 1776 with Lieutenant John Copher [John Coffey] and served in the Tenth regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers, under Captain Thomas West and Colonel [John] Green. That he enlisted for three years or during the War in the County of Fairfax in the State of Virginia where he resided at the time of his enlistment and entered the service. That he was in and fought the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777] – At Vally forge [sic: encampment, winter 1777-78] and Monmout [sic: Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778] and was sent to Pauls Hook [sic: Paulus Hook, 19 Aug 1779] with a detachment of 90 men and assisted in taking the same. That he was at White Plains, and was there transfered to the sixth regiment (or the Tenth regiment was reduced to the Sixth he does not precisely recollect) [10th renumbered the 6th, White Plains arrangement, 14 Sep 1778] which was commanded by Coln Samuel Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes] and Colo Guess [Nathaniel Gist?] & Mullenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] in the company commanded by Captain Nathan Lamme or [Nathan] Lamb & Lieutenant James Hamilton, that he was afterwards marched to Philadelphia & from there to Lancaster, then to Little York [York PA] thence to Frederick Town, thence to Falmouth, and Richmond, thence to Charlestown, South Carolina where after various conflicts under General [Benjamin] Lincoln he was on the Eleventh of May 1780 surrendered by General Lincoln to Sir Henry Clinton [Charleston surrendered 12 May 1780] and on the next day General Leslie [Alexander Leslie, 13 May] took possession of the Town, the said Walter Davis from that time remained a prisoner of war about six weeks and then he effected his escape from the army his whole Term of service for which the said Walter Davis claims a pension being three years and six months.

He hereby relinquishes every other claim whatever to a pension or annuity except te 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 Walter hisXmark Davis

NOTE: On 1 July 1851 Mary Davis, 87, applied for a pension stating that she was married to Walter Davis in Berkeley County (now WV) about three miles from Martinsburg by an Episcopal minister named Vance when she was 18 and her husband 10 years older – she thought in June 1782. She also stated that her husband died on 8 January 1844. The file contains a copy of the record of the marriage of Walter Davis and Mary Tracy on 11 June 1785, officiated by Hugh Vance.

As evidence she submitted a family record copied into a Bible from the original and transcribed below. William Davis certified his mother's declaration and the authenticity of the family record.

BIRTHS.

Daboroh R Davis Wos Borne March the 29th 1787
Archable R Davis Wos Worne September the 26th 1788
Joseph R Davis Wors Borne the November the 5th 1790
Ruth Davis Wors Born November the 18th 1792
Walter Davis Wors Born September the 30th 1794
Luther Davis Wors Borne February the 14th 1797
William Davis Wos Born April the 4th 1799
Samuel R Davis Wos Born June the 16th 1802
David C Davis Wos Borne october the 7th 1804
James Tracy Davis Wos Born the 19th of January 1806
Mary Davis Wos Born October the 11th 1808

DEATHS.

Daboroh R Davis died February the 17 1833
Walter Davis Senier Died January 8th 1844

MARRIAGES.

Walter Davis was Bornd the 9 Day of March 1754
Mary Davis was Bornd March the 4 1764