

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Davidson W4175  
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Georgia, Pike County

On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1824 Personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record for the State and County aforesaid Joseph Davidson a Resident in said County aged Seventy years, who being first duly Sworn; according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Joseph Davidson enlisted for the term of two years and six months on the fifth day of May 1776 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Roger Moore in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk in the line of the State of North Carolina Troops on the Continental establishment; That he continued to serve in the said Corps until October 1779 when he was discharged from said Service at the White Plains in the State of New York: That he was in three General Engagements: at Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and in several other skirmishes: and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said War services except his own declaration. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

To [wit] one pot &	\$1.50
One bed	<u>15.00</u>
	16.50

Sworn to and declared on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1824 before me.

S/ Eli S Shorter, Judge

S/ Joseph Davidson

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State of North Carolina, Secretary'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 Joseph Davison [sic] a private of Capt. Goodman's Company of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment was mustered on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1776 for the term of 2 ½ years and was discharged on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 1778.

Given under my hand at Office this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1824

S/ Wm Hill

The 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment was commanded by Col. Thomas Polk and Roger Moore was a Capt. for a short time

in or about the Commencement of the War.

S/ Wm Hill

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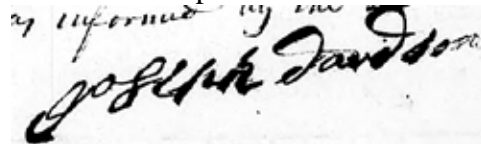
Georgia, Pike County

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County of Pike and State aforesaid Joseph Davidson a resident in said County, and after being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to that made on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April last, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820. That he has not since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 been possessed of any property, except that which is contained in the schedule of the 19<sup>th</sup> of April last, and that he has not transferred any property to any individual whatever since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818. And the said Joseph Davidson further declares that he has made application for his pension previous to the 18<sup>th</sup> of April last; first through the agency of Christopher B. Strong an attorney at Law of Putnam County Georgia, but failed as he was informed by Mr. Strong in consequence of the informality of his application; and the second application through the agency of William Gill an attorney at Law of the State of Alabama, the said Joseph Davidson having resided in that State at the time that application was made and that application also failed in consequence of its informality as he was informed by the said Gill.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1824

S/ V. T. Rose, JP

S/ Joseph Davidson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Davidson". Above the signature, there is a faint, partially legible phrase that appears to be "as informed by me".

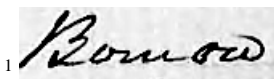
[p 8: On the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1838 Sarah Davidson, 77, filed for a widow's pension stating, among other things, that she married Joseph Davidson in Orange County NC September 12, 1781, by John Suder [or Tuder]; that she was born 1761; that Joseph died in Pike County, Ga., August 29, 1830; that she and her husband had 13 children, 10 now living. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: On November 5, 1838 in Pike County Georgia Isaac S. Weldon gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Joseph and Sarah Davidson; that he became acquainted with them in 1818 when they lived in Jasper County Georgia, that they then removed to the State of Alabama and from thence removed to Pike County in Georgia in 1822; that Joseph Davidson died in 1830; that affiant lived at a near neighbor to Joseph and Sarah Davidson and knew them intimately was 7 or 8 years previous to the death of Joseph Davidson.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac S. Weldon".

[p 12: On November 24, 1854, Barbary Weldon filed an affidavit in Meriwether County Ga., stating that she is one of the heirs at law of her mother, Sarah Davidson, that Sarah died March 13, 1841 in Pike County survived by John Davidson, Polly, who intermarried with Isham Boneon [or Bomon]<sup>1</sup>, Eleanor who intermarried with Isaac Weldon, Sarah, who intermarried with Dread Warren, Margaret

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bomon".

Linch who intermarried with Benjamin Linch [probably Benjamin Lynch], Nancy who intermarried with Joseph Warren, Barbary, the present applicant who intermarried with John Weldon, and George Washington Davidson the only surviving children and heirs at law of said Sarah Davidson. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 30: On November 25, 1854 in Meriwether County Georgia, Unity Pevy, a resident of said County and state, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Joseph Davidson and his wife Sarah Davidson for upwards of 60 years; that Sarah Davidson was the sister of the affiant's husband; that the affiant and her husband married a few years after the close of the revolutionary war and settled near neighbors to Sarah Davidson and her husband Joseph in Warren County Georgia; that affiant knew all of their children and still knows those that are alive, Polly, Eleanor, Sarah, Margaret, Nancy, Barbary and George Washington Davidson; that the affiant 1<sup>st</sup> became acquainted with the veteran and his wife in 1785 or 1786 at which time they already had 2 or 3 children. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[In 1855, one Unity Pevy, of Meriwether County, Georgia, stated that her deceased husband was a brother of Sarah Davidson. She did not state the given name of her husband, Sarah Davidson's brother.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 25, 1824, for service as a private for 2 ½ years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]