

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Clement Davis W4936

Elizabeth Davis f57SC

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term
1832

On the 17th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court Clement Davis before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter sessions, for the County of Buncombe now sitting, a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy-seven 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 the 7th 1832, -- That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated: That he entered the service of the United States sometime in the latter part of the year 1775 as a volunteer in the militia, in Newberry District South Carolina, under Captain Charles King, under the command of Colonel John Lindsey & Brigadier General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. That he marched against the Tories & Cherokee Indians¹ on the frontiers of South Carolina & the high wassa [sic, Hiwassee?] Country where he remained until his time of service had expired, which was a 6 months Tour when he returned to the District & State aforesaid and was discharged by General Williamson which discharge is lost. That he entered the service again as a volunteer in the District & state aforesaid sometime in the year 1779 under Captain Levy Cersey [sic, Levi Casey of the Little River Regiment of militia], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Lindsey under the command of General Williamson marched to the siege of Augusta Georgia & from there to Granby South Carolina where he was discharged by General Williamson having served a 6 months Tour which discharge is lost as he was taken prisoner by a company of British & Tories commanded by Colonel Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton], as soon as he returned home from the last mentioned expedition, who plundered him of all his property & kept him in confinement for some time until the destroyed all he head. Then he believes his discharge was destroyed, which was he believes in the year 1780. That he again entered the service in the latter part of the year of A.D. or the fore part of 81 in Newberry District South Carolina under Captain James Starke & Colonel Jerrett Smith [Garret Smith] under the command of General Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene], as South Carolina had become almost the seat of war he continued under the command of the above named officers until December 1782 having served upwards of 18 months in succession & was discharged at Dorchester South Carolina at the above mentioned time from being ratified which discharge he believes he left with an acquaintance in Lincoln County North Carolina when he removed from that County. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a

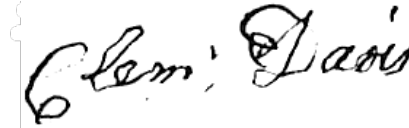
¹ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test S/ John Miller, Clerk

S/ Clem Davis



by S/ N. W. Woodford [?], DC

North Carolina Buncombe County: This is to certify that I do hereby nominate & appoint Nehemiah Blackstock of the County aforesaid by lawful agent to transact & conduct, the affairs in all respects for the purpose of drawing my pension which is now or may hereafter be due me.

Witness my hand & seal the 18th day of October 1832

S/ James Greenwood

S/ Clem Davis, Seal

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Additional Declaration of Clem Davis a Revolutionary Soldier & Resident of the County of Buncombe & State of North Carolina

State of North Carolina

Buncombe County} On the 1st Day of June 1833 Clement Davis personally appeared before (Henry Hunt & Nehemiah Blackstock both acting Justices of the peace in & for the County aforesaid) who being first Duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statements in order to obtain The benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he Entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated – that he Entered the service of the United States in the latter part of the year of 1775 as a volunteer in the militia in Newberry District South Carolina under Captain Charles King, under the command of Colonel John Lindsey & Brigadier General Williamson, as a private Soldier. That he marched from there against the Tories & Cherokee Indians on the frontiers of South Carolina & Hiwassee Country where he performed his Tour of Duty which was six months, then he returned to the district aforesaid & was discharged by General Williamson which Discharge is lost, that he Entered the service again a volunteer in the District aforesaid in the year 1779 under Captain Levi Casey in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Lindsey under the command of General Williamson as a private soldier he marched from thence to the Siege of Augusta Georgia & from thence to Granby South Carolina where he was Discharged by General Williamson having served a six months Tour, which Discharge is lost, as soon as he returned home from the last mentioned Expedition he was taken prisoner by a party of British & Tories commanded by Colonel Tarleton who plundered him of all his property & kept him in Confinement for some time until they Destroyed all that he had, there he believes his discharges was Destroyed which he believes was in the year 1780.

That he entered the service again in the latter part of the year 1784 1st part of 1781, in Newberry District South Carolina as a volunteer private soldier under Captain James Starke, & Colonel Jarrett Smith, under the command of General Green, as South Carolina had almost become the Seat of War he continued in this service & under the command of the above officers until December 1782 & was discharged by Colonel Jarrett Smith at Dorchester South Carolina at

the aforesaid time from being ratified having served three six months tours in succession – which Dis [sic] he believes he left with an acquaintance in Lincoln County North Carolina when he removed from that country.

That he has no documentary evidence whereby he can authenticate his services, nor he knows of no person in his reach that he was acquainted with while in the Army that can testify to his services, he Believes that he served one or two more small tours than he has stated, but by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his services, nor to all the Different Expeditions but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the aforesaid periods mentioned in the Declaration and in the grades as heretofore stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the date & year aforesaid before

S/ H. Hunt

S/ Clem Davis

S/ N. Blackstock

[Stephen Morgan, a clergyman, and William Brittain² (a revolutionary soldier) gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: Garrit Deweese, a clergyman, and Jesse Roberts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Cocke County:

This day personally appeared John Wadle [sic] before me Noah Fugat one of the Acting Justices of the Peace for said County and made oath in due form of law that he is seventy-four years of age Deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with Clem Davis Senior that he saw Clem Davis at Liberty Hill South Carolina in the year 1781 And held the command of Lieutenant said Wadle further states that he was in the Service of the US under the command of Elijah Clarke and marched to Liberty Hills and there got acquainted with said Davis from there went to Beach Island and Capeed [sic, captured?] some Tories there and thence returned to Liberty Hills South Carolina and since that have been acquainted with said Davis till present this the 15th day of June 1838

Sworn to before me

S/ John Waddill³



S/ Noah Fugat, JP

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State of Tennessee Cocke County: May 28, 1838

This day personally appeared John Griffis⁴ before me, Noah Fugate an acting Captain justice of the peace in and for said County, and made oath in due form of law, that he was personally acquainted with Clem Davis in the time of the Revolutionary War, and that he was in

² [William Brittain S8100](#)

³ [John Waddill R10977](#)

⁴ [John G. Griffis R4322](#)

3 battles with the said Clem Davis, one battle at the Cowpens in the State of South Carolina, one battle at 96 Abbeville South Carolina, and one battle at the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina and that he the said John Griffis served under General Morgan and General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] with the said Clem Davis in said battles in the Revolutionary War, and that he the said Griffis now resides in Fulton County in the State of Illinois near Lewiston.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 28th day of May A.D. 1838

S/ Noah Fugat, JP

S/ John Griffis

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Griffis". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. Below the signature, there is a faint horizontal line.

[p 14: On September 29, 1843 in Buncombe County North Carolina, Elizabeth Davis, 77 made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Clement Davis, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in Lincoln County North Carolina in September 1785; that her husband died October 30, 1838; and that she remains his widow.; she states that she had a record showing the date of births of her children but such record has been lost or mislaid and cannot be found. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Veteran married Elizabeth Fleming in her mother's house in Lincoln County North Carolina either on August 15, 1785 or September 1785 (both dates given in the documents in the file); in 1843; they were married by the Reverend Joseph Camp; f p 27, Jacob Martin, 84, resided in Buncombe County North Carolina -- he states that he was present at the marriage of Elizabeth Fleming to Clement Davis and that he (Jacob Martin) married in to the same family in 1787 by the name of his wife is not given.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina [sic South Carolina] militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount