

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Samuel Davis W4938

Nancy

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State of North Carolina Rowan County

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit at a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Rowan in the Court House in Salisbury on the third Monday in November A.D. 1818 the following record was made (to wit)

This day personally appeared in open Court Samuel Davis aged sixty one years, resident in the County of Rowan, and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration to obtain the provision made by the late 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. That he the said Samuel Davis enlisted in the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Capt. Archibald Lytle of the sixth Regiment that he continued to serve in the said corps in the service of the United States from the year 1776 when he enlisted until the year 1778 when he was discharged from service in Halifax in the State of North Carolina, that he was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown; that he is not worth more than one hundred dollars -- and that owing to a rupture in the abdomen and debility of body he is unable to do much work and therefore stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, that he has lost his discharge, and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services except the common report in the part of the Country of his services: -- and Solomon Davis and Ezekiel Teague, being duly sworn according to law to declare on their oath that they are well acquainted with the circumstances of Samuel Davis, that he is in such reduced circumstances as to stand in need of the assistance of his Country for support: now it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that Samuel Davis did serve in the revolutionary war of the United States against the common enemy for a longer term than nine months; that he is in such reduced circumstances as to need the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services; it is therefore ordered that the foregoing be made a matter of record, and that the clerk certify and transmit the same, to the honorable the secretary of war of the United States: --

I John Giles Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Rowan County do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the record in the case of Samuel Davis --
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office the 1st day of December 1818

S/ Jno. Giles

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 20th September 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it

appears from the musterroll of the Continental Line of this State in the Revolutionary war that Samuel Davis a musician in Capt. White's Company of the sixth Regiment was mustered on the 29th April 1776 for 2 1/2 years, was a "Corpl. November 1777, Omitted January 1778."

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above
S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Stokes County

On the 13th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record of said County, Samuel Davis aged about 63 years resident in the County of Stokes in State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the sixth Regiment of the Continental line in the company commanded by Archibald Lytle that to the best of his knowledge his original declaration bears date some time in November A.D. 1819 that he became entitled to a pension as per certificate No. 15741.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever 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 18th 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

Schedule of property (to wit)	
real estate none	
cow and calf worth	\$12
3 sheep	3
2 hogs	3
some little household furniture	<u>2</u>
	\$20

S/ Samuel Davis, X his mark

This deponent further declares that he is by occupation a farmer that from his age and bodily infirmities and from a very severe rupture he cannot obtain a certain living by it that he at present resides on a tract of land belonging to one William Teague. That his wife lives with him aged about 60 years who is considerably infirm & able to contribute but little to her & his support that one adopted daughter lives with him in the same house of age and worked for herself and contributes none to his own and his old woman support and that she is now on the eve of leaving his house that he is in debt at least \$100.

S/ Samuel Davis, X his mark

Robert W. Mosby appeared in open Court and being Surgeon of the second Regiment of the Stokes County militia and made oath that Samuel Davis the foregoing deponent is now an invalid and seems to have been so for a considerable time in consequence of a rupture and his groin or groins which renders him unfit & partly and partly disqualifies him from labor.

S/ Robert W. Mosby
Surgeon 2nd Regt. of Stokes Militia

[fn p. 12: on November 31, 1840 in Stokes County North Carolina, Nancy Davis, 80 years of age on sixth of January next, at her place of residence 21 miles distance from the courthouse made

application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Samuel Davis who was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of eight dollars per month; that her husband served a three months tour or more in the militia as a Cpl. Cromer after their marriage; that she married her husband in Rowan County in October 1779; that they were married by Henry Davis, JP, on a certificate from it Elijah Davis a Baptist minister who had published the banns of their marriage; which can be supported by the testimony of her brother William Leadford and her sister-in-law Grizza Leadford; that her husband died on the ninth or 10th of December 1820 in Stokes County North Carolina and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 14: family record]

John Davis was born July the 20th Day in the year of our Lord 1789

Phebe Davis was born September the 28th Day in the year of our Lord 1801

the above is a record of Samuel & Nancy Davis's Children taken out of a Testament written by John Davis at the request of his Father Samuel Davis. Sworn & subscribed this 31st November 1840 before me

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ John Davis

Catharine Christia Susanna Davis was Born in the year of our lord
these are John's Children

[fn p. 47: on December 14, 1840 in Stokes County North Carolina William Leadford, 77, a resident of Davidson County North Carolina gave testimony in support of the application of his sister Nancy Davis for a widows pension; he verifies Lee same facts his sister stated as to her marriage; the date of death of Samuel Davis and he states "That the said Nancy his [Samuel Davis'] wife bore only two children while they lived together as man & wife the first a son named John Davis born about 10 years after the marriage took place, the second a daughter named Phebe born 10 or 11 years after John who are both now living in Stokes County North Carolina, that the said Nancy is now living with her daughter Phoebe and has remained unmarried a widow ever since the death of her husband Samuel Davis."]

[fn p. 48: on December 14, 1840 in Stokes County North Carolina Grizza Leadford, widow of John Leadford, 80, gave testimony in support of the application of her sister-in-law Nancy Davis as the widow of Samuel Davis; she supports the statements made by Nancy regarding her marriage and the date of death of Samuel Davis; she adds that Phebe Davis married George Lochenour; that the family record of the children of Samuel and Nancy Davis was written by her husband John Leadford and shows that John Davis was born the 20th of July 1789 and Phebe was born 28th of September 1801.]