

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Davis W6962

Jane

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County January 31st day 1846

Personally appeared before me William Barnett -- an acting Justice of the peace in and for the State and County aforesaid Jane Davis after being 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 seventh 1838 Entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of David Davis who was a private in the North Carolina Militia in the war of the revolution, and as such served the United States against the Common Enemy and never drew a pension owing to his death taking place before his name was inscribed on the pension roll. She further declares that he had filed a Declaration for between two and twelve months, service and that before it was final he [was] taken sick and died and that the Declaration has been misplaced or destroyed so that I can [not] produce who he served under. She is not able to say nor the time he went in service nor the time he left. She further declares that she was married to the aforesaid David Davis sometime in the year 1788 and that her husband the said David Davis died on the 17th of September 1832. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ William Barnett, JP

S/ Jane Davis, X her mark

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in said County and State aforesaid Silas Davis, aged fifty-eight years and after being first duly sworn according to law saith on his oath that he has known the above attached record evidence since his earliest recollection as the family Record of his father and mother. Three first oldest children [indecipherable word or words or perhaps a figure] he is the ages of David Davis & Jane Davis three first children to wit Elizabeth Stone Davis, Silas Davis and Jane Davis the last mentioned age on said Record being his mother's own age and that the said record has always been kept in the said family and that it is the original and genuine family Record of the ages of the Children of the said David Davis and Jane Davis.

Sworn to and subscribed this eighth day of October 1851 before me

S/ Caleb Erwin, JP

S/ Silas Davis

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Eliza Sloan Davis was born may 31 1787

Silas Davies was born April 6 1792

Jane Davies was Born September 13 1795  
Polly Davies Was Born June 16 1797  
Jane Sloan was Born March 15 1768

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Personally appeared before me William Barnett [indecipherable word or words] Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Silas Davis after being duly sworn according to law and saith on oath that the above attached record is the old original family record of David Davis and Jane Davis his wife and that he has known it to be as the family recorded for 40 years or more and he thinks it probably is in the hand writing of Joseph Fasure [sic Fraser?] and that it has been in the possession of the family ever since he could recollect and that he is about 58 years of age.

Sworn to and subscribed January 31st 1846 S/ Silas Davis  
S/ William Barnette, JP

"I David Davies & Jane Sloan was Married February 26<sup>th</sup> A. Domini 1788

Elizt Sloan Davis was born May 31<sup>st</sup> A. Domini 1789

Silas Davis was Born April 6<sup>th</sup> 1793

Jean Davis was born September 13 1795

Polly Davies was born June 16, 1797

I William Barnette of the State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County after being duly sworn do hereby certify that I lived a near neighbor to David Davis and his wife Jean for more than fifty years that from my first recollection, the said David Davis was known as one of the Soldiers of the Revolution, and I have often heard him talk of his services in the said war, that a short time before the said David Davis died he made application for a pension, and I, who was then as now, and acting Justice of the Peace for Mecklenburg County, drew up his declaration in his own house, in which declaration is set forth his services in full, and I swore him to the statement therein set forth, and I also qualified the Reverend Dr. John Robinson and the Reverend Walter S. Pharr then present to an affidavit prescribed by the Department to be observed in such cases the is = that they believe said David Davis to be a revolutionary soldier as set forth in his Declaration, and that was his reputation in his neighborhood -- that said declaration was sent to the Honorable Henry W. Connor then a representative in Congress from this district, to be presented to the Department, that said declaration was sent back marked with red any where it was required to be corrected -- accompanied with the information that if those corrections were made the claim would be allowed, -- that I attended again at the house of said David Davis, who was then on his deathbed, to make the required corrections but the said Davis was so far gone that he was unable to attend to it, that the heirs of the said David Davis after his death leaving that nothing more could be done with the claim, gave the papers to a Justice of the Peace named Doherty, who afterwards burnt them with some old papers -- That I have no doubt from what I have heard the said David Davis said of his Revolutionary services, from his reputation as a soldier in this community -- that he was a soldier of the Revolution and that he was the identical David Davis whose name appears on the books of the Comptroller of North Carolina --

Sworn to and subscribed this 15th day of October A.D. 1852 before me  
S/ Wm Davidson, JP S/ William Barnette

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County Reverend W. S.

Pharr and after being first sworn according to law, saith on his oath that he was well acquainted with David Davis for some time before his death & that in conversation heard him as speak of being out in the Western part of North Carolina after the Cherokee Indians & the Reverend James Hall or Captain Hall of revolutionary memory being in company & he assembled them altogether around a large tree and had prayers before they attacked an Indian town after prayers the Reverend Hall said Come on boys the Lord is with us & they proceeded on the Indians had sensibly left the town & I further certify that I am now well acquainted with Jane Davis who is applying for a pension for the services of her late husband & the said Jane Davis is the identical widow of the said David Davis. Sworn to & subscribed this 7th day of June 1852.

S/ W. G. Barnett, JP

s/ Walter S. Pharr

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County March 17th old Mrs. Jane Davis aged 83 years this day personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace and Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes as follows to wit in reply to the report of the Commissioners letter of pensions the 8th of January 1852 she cannot speak of facts of her own knowledge as an eyewitness the services of her deceased husband David Davis but from the best reliable evidence the troops mentioned by her said husband of his services in said war -- She is led to believe that he served four tours of three months each as a private in the militia of North Carolina and was under Captain Robert Smith as she has some faint recollection of hearing him speak of said officer as being under him & that her said Husband died on the 17 day of September 1832 and she has remained his widow ever since.

S/ Jane Davis, X her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of March 1852

S/ W. Barnette, JP