

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Marmaduke S. Davies (Davis) W6967  
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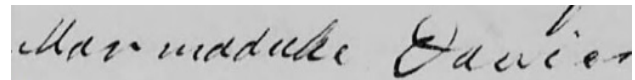
State of Ohio } SS.  
County of Belmont }

On this Seventeenth day of November [1832] personally appeared in Open Court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting Marmaduke S. Davis a resident of Richland township in the County of Belmont, and State of Ohio aged seventy two the 11th day of last March, 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service the 16th day of June 1781 in Ann [Anne] Arundel County, Maryland, at Elkridge Landing on Patapsco river [sic: Patapsco River], a volunteer for one year, but was discharged on the 3 day of March 1782. His officers Capt. Horatio Johnston, Col. George Snell, Maj. Richard Stringer, Lieutenant Cox, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Griffith. He was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at the Siege of Yorktown, he thinks, on the 19 or 20 of Oct. '81 [19 Oct 1781]. The place of residence – the last place he lationed[?], before the service, was at Baltimore, Md., as a journeyman Taylor, he went from there, on a visit to his fathers, to Elkridge landing as above, there were companies there “beating up” for volunteers, and he volunteered in Capt Johnston’s Company. From Elkridge Landing he marched to Anapolis [sic: Annapolis], his place of rendezvous, from thence to where the City of Washington now is; on 1<sup>st</sup> he thinks of Sept. '81 he commenced his march to that place; from thence on through Virginia to Richmond Va. from thence to Williamsburg, from thence to Yorktown, and was there at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis – he says he had more hard work than fighting to do at Yorktown. From thence he marched back to Richmond, and lay there until March 1782, and was then discharged. He received a written discharge from Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton, which is lost. His Colonel, George Snell & his Maj. Richard Stringer became officers in the Regular Army at Yorktown. after he came to Yorktown he was attached to the 22<sup>d</sup> (he thinks) regiment of the Regular Army, and marched with that regiment to Richmond. Col. Snell was taken sick at Yorktown, and Lieutenant Col. Hamilton took the command in his stead. He saw Washington, Lafayette [sic: Lafayette], Genl’s. Green [see endnote], [Anthony] Wayne, [Benjamin] Lincoln, which last, he says, received the submission of the Royal Army. Genl. Washington commanded. He recollects that the 4th & 9th regiments of the regular army were at Yorktown. He has no documentary evidence in his possession. He knows of no one certainly living who can testify to his service

(On the 7th July 1790, at Green Castle Pa. he enlisted for 3 years in Capt James Powers’ Company (Infantry) was at [Arthur] St Clair’s defeat on St Mary’s river [sic: Battle of the Wabash River, 4 Nov 1791], and subsequently at a “scrimage” near fort Recover [sic: Fort Recovery] near the ground where St Clair was defeated. After this defeat he served the three years out under Genl Wayne – discharged in July ‘93.)

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid



Questions propounded by the Court

1 Where an in what year were you born?

Answer. In Warrenton[?] township York County Pa. the 11th day of March 1760

2. Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it

Answer. I have a record of my age at home. it was taken from the record of my father.

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live

Answer. I had been living at Baltimore, but was at Elkridge Landing when I entered the service. Until the year '94 I wasught[?] at various places as a journeyman Tailor. I then married and lived 15 years in Uniontown Fayette County Pa. Since 1809 I have lived (22 years) in this place – Belmont County, Ohio.

4 How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

Answer. I volunteered.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. Washington, Layfayette, Green, Wayne, Lincoln, Genl [Daniel] Morgan, Lieu. Col. Hamilton & others. Maj. Richard Stringer. Col. Geoge Snell. I recollect the 22<sup>d</sup>, the 9th & the 4 regiments. I was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, and marched and served as stated in the declaration.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge from Lieutenant Col. Hamilton – which is lost.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. John Patterson. James Caldwell. Hal Smith, George Allan. Michael Grove Hon. Benj. Ruggles. Hon [undeciphered] Kennon. Rev. Joseph Anderson.

#### NOTES:

Gen. Nathanael Greene did not leave the Carolinas from early Dec 1780 through Dec 1782.

On 11 Jan 1833 a certificate for \$28.33 per year was issued to "Marmaduke S. Davis" for 8½ months service in the "Virginia Militia."

On 24 March 1855 Eleanor Davies of St. Clairsville OH, 74, applied for bounty land stating that as Eleanor Wilson she was married by Rev. Joseph Anderson to Marmaduke S. Davies in Belmont County on 30 Jan 1816, and that her husband died on 13 March 1855. On 2 Feb 1856 she successfully applied for a pension. The file contains a copy of the marriage return.

The file contains a letter by "D. M. Davis (per) Margaret Davis" dated 13 April 1897 inquiring about her father, "Marmaduke S. Davis... inscribed upon the roll of Revolutionary Pensioners, for services rendered in the Virginia Militia." Also in the file is a letter by Samuel Harris West of St. Louis MO dated 22 May 1894 stating that his wife's great grandfather, Marmaduke Davies, was wounded at Yorktown.