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Pension Application of Micajah Davis W6969 Martha Davis NC
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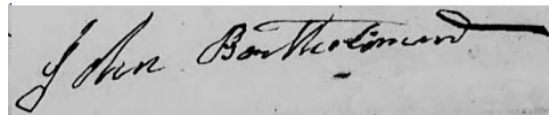
State of North Carolina
Franklin County.

On this the 10th day of September AD 1839 personally appeared before the County Court of the aforesaid County Martha Davis, resident of the aforesaid County & State, aged about sixty seven years, who being first duly sworn in open Court 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 7 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows" that she is the widow of Micajah Davis who was to the best of her knowledge and belief a drummer & fifer in the service of the Revolutionary War that he was engaged in the battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], & Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] & several others, – that he lived in the aforesaid County of Franklin then known as the County of Bute [until 1779], that she believes he was a volunteer.

She further declares that she was married to the said Micajah on the 1st day of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, that her husband the said Micajah Davis died on the fourth day of March AD 1802, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred & ninety four viz. at the time above stated.
Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written Martha herXmark Davis

State of N. Carolina }
Franklin Co. } [16 July 1839]

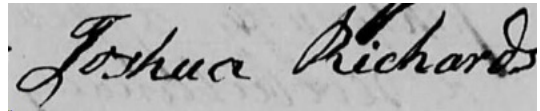
I John Bartholomew [pension application W4880] being called on to state what I know in relation to the Revolutionary Services of Micajah Davis (dec'd) late of Franklin Cty do depose & say That I was well acquainted with the said Davis & that I also well recollect his having been a Continental Soldier in the war of the Revolution: That we were in winter quarters together at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777 & 78 when from divers disasters & causes which happened to the different Regiments stationed there: the number of Soldiers was so far reduced that it was deemed proper to form the remainder into two Regiments in one of which the said Davis was enrolled. I belonged to the 2nd Regiment under Col. Patton [sic: John Patten] but I now have no recollection who was the Commander of the first & in the month of June 1778 when the British evacuated Philadelphia we left Valley Forge & pursued them on their way to New York & overtook them at Monmouth Court House where we had an engagement: We were then taken into Connecticut where I remained until the month of Oct when my time of service expired & when I obtained my discharge I left the said Davis still in the service & did not see him any more until peace was declared & he had returned home



South Carolina }
Spartanburgh [sic: Spartanburg] Dist } [16 Sep 1839]

Before me James Edward Henry a Notary Public and Justice of the Quorum Ex officio for the district and State aforesaid personally appeared the Rev'd Joshua Richards [SNC15] a revolutionary Pensioner residing in this district and made oath that he knew Micajah Davis and Martha his wife. That he was present at their marriage which was solemnised by the Rev'd Jacob Crocker of Franklin County No Ca which was in the year 1786 or 1787 as he believes He is sure however it was before the year 1790. Said Micajah Davis was enlisted in the army by Lam Ely [Capt. Lemuel Ely] about 1777 or 8 and

was sent off to the North. Does not know what Regiment he belonged to but believes from the signature to the discharge of a Brother of this deponent who served with Davis that he was under Col. John Patton Deponent saw no more of Davis untill the early part of the year 1780 when he met him in Charleston serving under Gen'l Hogan. Deponent was discharged the 22^d March 1780 and left Davis still in the Army. Early in June he saw Davis who represented himself a deserter from the British. Soon afterwards he enlisted in the No Ca line and served under Gen'l [John] Butler Deponent saw no more of Davis untill after peace was made when he returned to his place of nativity and married about the time stated Martha Richards his now widow. Deponent from his knowledge of Micajah Davis is fully satisfied and believes that Davis served five or six years in the Continental Army and the North Carolina line

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Richards". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged or off-white.

State of N. Carolina }
Franklin County } [19 Dec 1839]

I John King [R5962] being called on to state what I know in relation to the Revolutionary Services of Micajah Davis (Dec'd) late of Franklin County doth depose & say that I was well acquainted with the said Davis and that he enlisted in the continental line in the year 1776 or 77 to the best of my knowledge and he marched to the north & was there two or three years and I saw no more of him until the year 1780 I then saw him in South Carolina at a noted place called the Pine Tree near Chalestown [sic: Charleston] he was then acting as drummer he then said he had deserted from the British & had enlisted under General Hogan [sic: James Hogun] dureing the war I saw nomore of him until after peace was made & he had returned home
John hisXmark King

NOTE: This application was supported by a deposition by James Davis, "a younger Brother of Micajah Davis," stating that Micajah Davis entered the service "about the year 1776 or 77 & that he never returned until peace was made." The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 1 Feb 1787 in Franklin County by Micajah Davis and George Richards, Sr. for the marriage of Davis to Martha Richards. On 15 April 1843 Martha Davis was said to be 70.