

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isham Davis W6970

Wineford (Winneford) Davis

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State of North Carolina Macon County: Superior Court of Wall October term 1832

On this tenth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Superior Court of law for said County now sitting Isham Davis a resident of the County of Macon and State of North Carolina aged seventy-four 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 sometime in the month of April in the year 1779 under Captain Thomas Kee [Thomas Key] Lieutenant Edmund Martin (the other company officers are not recollected by Applicant) under the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson], Colonel Leroy Hammons [sic, LeRoy Hammond] and Major Hugh Middleton. In the State of South Carolina in the District then called Ninety Six where he was drafted and served in turn as follows, as militia or minute man called by the name of Williamson's Militia we were marched to the place called the Bull penn [Bull Pen] where we were stationed about one month and were classed into three classes and were called out on scouting parties in turns when the British left Augusta we were permitted to return home where I continued a short time he was then called out again under Captain Martin [Barkley Martin] on a scouting party on the Edisto River and we were then under General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] who succeeded General Williamson and we were then called Pickens Militia. We were there marched across the River Edisto on the Bridge at Orangeburg and were marched from place to place and were called out from time to time (all the dates not recollected) until about the month of August 1781 at or about which time he was marched from the said District of Ninety Six where he then lived (under Captain Martin) to the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and on their way there he was appointed Sergeant in which office he served till their return, a term of about [?] and was at the field at that place under the Command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commander in chief and immediately under General Pickens, Colonel John Purvis [John Purvis] was not there, and Major Benjamin Tutt and were placed on the left wing of the Army in the battle. And after the victory we marched across the Congaree River at McCord's Ferry and were stationed at different points on our return home in the fall following, and were called on Scouting parties in time to time until the Spring following when he was marched by Captain Thomas Key to the place called Bacon's Bridge in South Carolina where they were stationed about three months and we then returned home and were scouting on the Edisto River and were stationed a few weeks at a place called the Ridge House and returned home in the fall following and was called out again in the pursuit of Colonel Cunningham [William "Bloody Bill"]

Cunningham] but never overtook him after that time he was in no engagements except in scouting parties from time to time where nothing of note occurred and he always was in readiness from the time he was drafted 1779 until the end of the Revolutionary war as a Minute man in the State of South Carolina and was called out so frequently that he cannot recollect all the times precisely enough to give the precise dates & I know no person by whom I can prove my service except Thomas Williams¹ who saw me while in the service once or twice but was not with me through the campaigns & whose affidavit is hereunto appended.

I hereby relinquish every claim to whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

1. Where and in were year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the State of South Carolina on the waters of Pedee River in Cheraw District in the year 1758 January 6th

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

Answer/ I have a copy of it in my Bible as recorded in my father's Bible.

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

Ans/ in the District called Ninety Six when called into service & a few years after and I have generally lived in North Carolina in different Counties I now live in this same State

4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Ans. I was drafted

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.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it
Answer/ I never received a discharge but was marched home by Captain Martin & was still ready to be called again.

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 good behavior your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Isham Davis

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Isham Davis", enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

[Humphrey Posey, a clergyman, and John Tathaner [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Macon County:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace Isham Davis who being duly sworn deposeth and saith upon oath that in the year 1779 he did serve a 3 months tour as a drafted man and in the year 1781 and served a 3 months tour as a Sergeant and in the year 1782 served 6 months as a volunteer. Sworn to and subscribed this day 2nd May 1833 before –

¹ [Thomas Williams S7933](#)

S/ John Tatham, JP

S/ I. Davis



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Thomas Williams swears that he saw the said Isham Davis in the Service of the United States in the South Carolina Militia he thinks some time in the year 1782 and that he believes from the Statements made by the said Isham Davis in his declaration and also from his statements at different times since and from report in that Country after the revolution that he with has served as he has stated in his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 11th day of October A.D. 183_ .

S/ M. Dowell, SCL

S/ Thomas Williams, X his mark

[HQ p. 9 of 12—this page is missing from the Footnote.com file: on April 22, 1843 in Macon County North Carolina, Wineford Davis, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Isham Davis, a pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married her husband on September 19, 1783; that he died December 30th, 1835; and that she remains his widow.]

[Facts in file: The widow's name prior to her marriage was Wineford (or Winneford) Woodard; she was married to the veteran on September 19, 1783 about 12 miles from Edgefield Court house in South Carolina; the veteran and his wife had 8 children the oldest of home was about 60 years old in 1846; the file contains no information regarding the names of the children or their birthdates. On p 47, Elizabeth Johnston a resident of Pickens District South Carolina testified that she knew Winneford Woodard, a widow who married Isham Davis about 12 miles from Edgefield Court House in South Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina [sic South Carolina] militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ² relating to Isham [Isom] Davis	AA 10
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1792	
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No. 78

[Book] Y [No.] 89

24 October 85 [1785

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Isham Davis his Account Pay for Militia Duty as Horseman from 15th of November to 13th December 1781 both days inclusive being 29 days at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina currency] per day Amounting in Currency to £29.0

Amt. Stg. [Sterling] £4.2.10 ¼

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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Public South Carolina

to Isham Davis

Dr.

1781

December 13th

To doing Duty as a private in Captain
Thomas Keys Company of Militia
Commanded by Colonel LeRoy Hammond
from the 15 Day of November
to the Date hereof both Days
Included being 29 days on horse Back
at 20/per day

£29

I do Certify that the above Duty was performed by Isham Davis and that the above sum is Due for his service

S/ Edmond Martin, Lieutenant



[p 5: Printed form of indent No. 282 Book U dated July 11th, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Isom Davis this our Indented Certificate, for the Sum of Seven Pounds, fourteen Shillings, & three Pence, one Farthing, Sterling for Militia Duty as private per Account Audited.”]

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Isham Davis's

Petition to be placed on the Pension List

1829

J. O. Lewis

Pensions

Rejected

[p 7: very faint and poor image]

State North Carolina

Macon County } [text too faint to discern] came Isham Davis before me [text too faint to discern] 1 of the acting Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid and after being sworn in due form of Law made the following declaration in order to entitle him to the benefit of the Acts of Assembly of the State of South Carolina – That he served in the revolutionary war in the militia of South Carolina in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Purves under Captain John Martin [text too faint to discern] District, that he was in the Battle at the Eutaws Springs and at the siege of 96, that he is not on the Pension [remaining text too faint to be discerned]

[what appears to be a listing of his property with only a few items being discernible as follows:
four horse [?] [word or words too faint to discern] worth each \$10 \$40

[too faint to discern]	3	9
one small [too faint to discern]	7	7
one small [too faint to discern]		
One horse beast		30
4 Bar [?]	3	12
5 oz. [?]	.50	2.50
11 Sheep	1.50	16.50
Small [text too faint to discern] furniture not exceeding in value \$40		<u>40.00</u>
		\$136.00

That he is now seventy-one years old very infirm – and has no means of making his support by farming

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 25th day of August 1829

S/ J. R. Siler, JP

S/ Isham Davis



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State of North Carolina

Macon County }

This day came Thomas Williams before me Jesse R. Siler one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of the law that he was a short time in the Militia service of South Carolina in the Revolutionary war, and that he saw Isham Davis in the service at that time, that he is a neighbor of said Davis at this time and believes that the foregoing schedule contains a correct account of his property and that the valuation thereto annexed is sufficiently large. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 25th of August 1829

S/ J. R. Siler, JP

S/ Thomas Williams, X his mark

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December 3rd 1829

Report of the Committee on pensions on the Petition of Isham Davis

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Isham Davis praying to be placed on the pension list

Respectfully report that

that they have considered the same and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be rejected to December 1829

S/ Sampson Pope, Chairman