

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Davis W6974

Joanna Davis

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State of Ohio Perry County: Court of Common Pleas November Term 1832

On this Sixth day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Perry and State aforesaid (being a Court of Record) Thomas Davis a resident of Perry County aforesaid, aged Seventy-nine years on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the summer of 1781 supposes August or July (cannot recollect the day) with Sgt. Gray orderly Sgt. for General Smallwood (William Smallwood) in the Maryland Line and served in the New 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of that line under Capt. Henry Gaither, Major Roxbury [sic, probably Alexander Roxburgh] . The New 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment as it was called was composed of Militias our Company was the only regular enlisted Company in the Regiment. We came from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment and were permitted so to do by the General.

My Place of residence was Charles County, State of Maryland; previous to my enlistment; I served in the Maryland [militia?] as a Substitute under Capt. Gray, and was while in that service at Annapolis, that I enlisted as aforesaid, for three years, and served more than two years, having been discharged on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1783 at Frederick Town Maryland.

Upon the formation of our Regiment we were marched from Annapolis to George Town to Fredericksburg, and Williamsburg and to the Siege of York, and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781].

After leveling one works and sending off the Prisoners, our company was attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of the Maryland troops and with three regiments, I think of the Pennsylvania line, went to South Carolina under Brig. General Guess [Mordecai Gist]: General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] went out with us but took no active command during the march I believe Col. Stewart commanded our Regiment, the Major was \_\_ Roxbury, and Capt. John Mitchell, we marched through Richmond to Petersburg thence to Guilford Court House, and Camden South Carolina: and joined General Greene at a place called Round O, from thence we marched to Pond Pond [South Edisto River] encampment, here we executed six men, thence to Bacons Bridge where we executed Sgt. Goslin for Mutiny. We then went to Ashley Hill; and from thence to James Island: where we received the News of Peace. We were embarked on board the shipping, the vessel I was in arrived at Annapolis I think about the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 1783. On our arrival those who enlisted during the War were discharged, and the three years man gathered into Companies, being of the latter class, I was marched under the command of Capt. Brice to Frederick Town Maryland in the fall of 1783, and there discharged on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1783. I received a Certificate of

discharge, upon the back of which I believe General Smallwood wrote my certificate of pay, which I sold and suppose this to have been the manner I parted with my discharge. If however they were separate, I have lost my discharge. My name however is on the rolls of the Maryland line as I received a pension from that State.

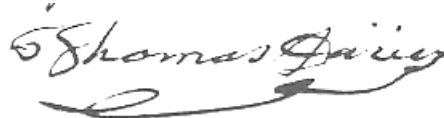
I was in no Battles of importance except at the siege of York, upon which occasion I was at the York's Side.

Our Batteries played 8 or 9 days before the surrender.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Davis



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Land Office, Annapolis April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1833

I Certify that it appears by a "Register of Maryland Troops discharged at the Post of Frederick Town" remaining in this office that the name of Thomas Davis appears upon said record to have been discharged on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1783

S/ George G Brewer

Register Land Office W. S. Md.

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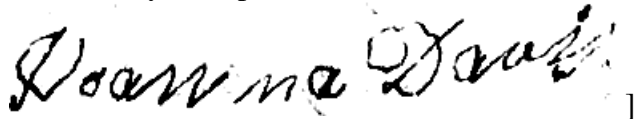
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I Certify that it appears by a Pay Roll remaining in the Office, that Thomas Davis 1<sup>st</sup> a private received of John Hamilton, Agent of the Maryland line, \$26.70 arrears of pay from the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 1780, to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 1782 – also \$80 paid from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 1782, to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 1783 – also \$43.30 from the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1783, to the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, 1783. Gratuity, – Total received \$150.10.

S/ George G Brewer

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[p 11: On November 23, 1840 in Knox County Ohio, Joanna Davis, a resident of Clinton Township in Knox County Ohio, aged 75 on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February last, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Davis, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1786; that her husband died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1840; and that she remains a widow.



[p 14: Transcript of a record from a family Bible of Thomas Davis which reads "Thomas Davis and Joannah Whitter was married 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January A.D. 1786."]

[p 37: Certificate dated June 4, 1841 issued by the clerk of court of Charles County Maryland

stating that a marriage license was issued in Charles County Maryland on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1786 for the marriage of Thomas Davis and Joanna Whitler [sic].]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Maryland Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]