

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Davidson W6977

Mary Davidson

VA

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Virginia, At a Superior court of Law holden in and for the county of Prince Edward, at the Court house on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818.

Joseph Davidson a resident of the County of Prince Edward this day appeared in open court and made the following declaration upon oath, that he enlisted in the Revolutionary war as a soldier in Capt. William Cunninghams Company, in the year 1777 for three years. He was in the Battles at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Seige of Mud Island fort [Fort Mifflin on Mud Island, 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777], and at Stony point [16 Jul 1779]. That he is in reduced Circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support. – Samuel Carter being sworn said, Joseph Davidson enlisted in Cap'n William Cunninghams Company as a soldier in the year 1777, for three years, and marched in Company with him in the Spring of the same year and joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, was in the Battles at Brandywine Germantown and seige of Mud Island fort. And Jacob Cunningham [pension application S9257] being sworn said he lived near Joseph Davidson and considered him poor and in need of assistance from his Country for support.

Virginia, Prince Edward County, April 25<sup>th</sup> 1819.

On this day Joseph Davidson named in the preceeding certificate being first duly sworn in open Court saith in addition to the above declaration that he belonged to the infantry of the line of the First Virginia Regiment on continental establishment which Regiment was commanded by Colonel Richard Parker in which he served three years according to the terms of his enlistment, from which he was regularly discharged at Philadelphia in 1780. That he delivered his discharge to some officer of Virginia to draw his pay, but does not now know what has become of it.

On this same day Jacob Cunningham being in like manner sworn saith in addition to what is before by him stated in the above certificate, That he well knows that the aforesaid Joseph Davidson was in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War for two years part of the time mentioned by the said Joseph; for that he the said Jacob was with him on the same service for two years, & that he has good reason to believe & does verily believe that the said Joseph did serve three years.

Prince Edward County State of Virginia to wit:

On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of November 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for said County of Prince Edward, Joseph Davidson aged 65 years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: In the first regiment in Captain William Cunninghams Company as a private, in the Virginia line, on the Continental establishment for one year and then for two years in Captain Charles Pellams [sic: Charles Pelham's] Company in the same regiment line and establishment, and that his original declaration bore date the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1818, and the number of his pension Certificate is 12559 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Twenty five acres of Land, poor old field, annually worth £3:

year old Colt.  
Cow & calf & heifer, Cow 16 years old.  
nine shoats, one sow & pigs.  
eight head of sheep.

He further states that his former occupation has been planting & farming, that from his age, infirmity & want of means, he is unable longer to support himself in that business, that his family consists of himself, his wife & three children his wife aged 46 years, three children living with him, one a girl aged 18 years, another a girl aged 16, and a boy of ten years, by whose aid he is unable to support his family.

Joseph hisXmark Davidson

Brydies Store Va. 11<sup>th</sup> August 1835

Sir [J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions] Yours of 4<sup>th</sup> Ult'o in Answer to mine of the 27<sup>th</sup> July & herein contained I have visited Mr. Davidson since the Recepttion of your letter, he lives in prince Edward and has lived there all his life I live in Lunenburg though we live but a few miles distant from each other and find that I were rong in speling his name Davisson the way the family spel their name is Davidson as spelt by you he is now a pensioner under the Acts of 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 The old man thinks himself Entitled to bounty land and asked for the Certificates in your Office of Sam'l. Carter & Jacob Cunningham in order to present them to the War department in order to obtain his bounty land as those Gentlemen are both dead – pray sir if this old man is Entitled to bounty land inform us and in what manner he must proceed

he also had a brother William Davidson who enlisted at the same time and under the same men as he did and after being discharged he again enlisted in what was caled the Light Dragoons for During the War and was taken prisoner at Charleston South Carolina and continued prisoner to the end of the war and when he was Released – he died on his way home please inform us if there Appears to be land bounty due him and in what manner we shall proceed

I am Verry Respectfully/ your Obediant Servant  
Lewis Clary

NOTE: On 4 August 1843 Mary Davidson, 71, applied for a pension stating that she married Joseph Davidson on 2 Feb 1792, and he died 11 June 1841. On 20 Jan 1844 Mary Davidson was said to be 73.