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Pension Application of David Davidson W6978 Maza Davidson VA
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Virginia (towit)

At a Superior Court of law holden for the County of Halifax on Friday the 23rd day of April 1819 David Davidson came into Court and being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled, “An act to provide for certain persons in the land and naval service of the united states in the Revolutionary War” That he the said David Davidson who resided in Charles City County Virginia enlisted during the War in Williamsburg in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Anthony Singleton [BLWt2068-300] attached to the first Virginia Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison [VAS1411] on Continental establishment; that he continued in said Regiment during the war; That he was discharged in Charleston at the conclusion of the war from said Regiment having served about five years and three months; that he was engaged in the battles at Gates’ defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781], ninety six [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May – 19 Jun 1781] and at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] where he was wounded and that he is now about fifty five years of age, is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. And William Loyd [S38145] being also sworn saith he was a soldier of the Revolution, has long known the said David Davidson that he frequently saw him in service at several places to the Southward, places not recollected Richard R. High being also sworn saith he is well acquainted with the said David Davidson and that he is poor having a horse of but little value and no land

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At a Superior Court of law holden for the County of Halifax the 21st day of September 1819 — David Davidson came into Court and being first duly sworn according to law on his Oath made the following additional declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled and Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the Unites States in the Revolutionary War” That he the said David Davidson who is a Citizen of Halifax County and State of Virginia enlisted in Captain Singletons Company as stated in his previous declaration during the War, about six months previous to Blufords defeat [sic: defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] – and that he continued in the Army til the end of the War – and that he has no recollection nor any evidence as to the precise time of entering & quitting the service.

District of Virginia SS.

On this 23rd day of October 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Halifax and State of Virginia David Davidson aged fifty five years, a resident in the said County of Halifax in said district, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows (towit) That he enlisted during the War in Cap Anthony Singleton’s Company of Artillery attached to the first Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colo Charles Harrison on Continental establishment, that he continued in said Regiment during the War that he was discharged in Charleston, at the conclusion of the War, from said Regiment having served about five years and three months, that he was engaged in the Battles at Gates’s defeat, Camden, Eutaw Springs, 96, and in Guilford where he was wounded – that his original declaration is dated 23 Apr 1819 and the No. of his pension certificate is 16320 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 (towit)

having no real estate (his personal estate is as follows (towit):

(necessary clothing & bedding excepted) One horse & four shoats, and is by occupation a farmer – but in consequence of the Wound received in the War of the Revolution, and other disabilities, he has but little ability to pursue it — that his family consists of a Wife about 43 years of age and seven Children, the oldest, a daughter, about 27 years of age, Polly another daughter, about 23 years of age, Lucy another daughter about 20 years of age, Solomon, a boy about 9 years of age, Moses, a boy, about 8 years old, Harriet, a girl, about 6 years old, and John, a boy, about 4 years old.

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I certify that David Davidson enlisted in The first Regiment of Artillery in April 1781 to serve as a Soldier during the War which time he faithfully served Given under my Hand this 7th June 1794.

A Bohannan
Corp'l At'y

Genuine/ T Meriwether a Copy/ J Pendleton.

NOTE: A document dated 25 Nov 1829 states that the following were the only children and heirs of David Davidson: Solomon Davidson, John Davidson, Ritter Davidson, Polly Jenkins, Lucy Jenkins, Moses Davidson, and Rebecca Loyd. On 17 Nov 1829 Solomon Davidson, heir of David Davidson, assigned power of attorney to obtain bounty land. On 11 Mar 1839 Maza Davidson, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married David Davidson on 15 Nov 1792, and he died 15 Dec 1822. The file contains a copy of the following request by Maza Phillips: “I do hereby certify that I wish license to be granted from the Clk of Charles City for my marriage with David Davidson. Given under my hand Nov'r 15th 1792.” There is also a copy of a bond signed on the same day by David Davidson and Edward Davidson for the marriage of David Davidson to Maza Phillips. On 19 Jan 1844 Maza Davidson applied for a pension under a later act, giving her age as “seventy seven or eighty” and stating that she had lived in Franklin County VA for four or five years. On 15 Jan 1849 she applied again, giving her age as about 82.