Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Eli Davis R20356
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The State of Ohio [27 Jan 1827]
In pursuance of “An act of Congress for the relief of certain Officers and Soldiers of the army of the revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828.
I Eli Davis of the County of Hamilton in the State of Ohio do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for the term of one year under Capt Win, (comanded by Colo John Gibson), and then the remainder of my time served under Colo Morgin [sic: Daniel Morgan] until the close of the war as a musician, and was discharged by Colo Morgin in the year 1782.

The State of Ohio } Ss
Hamilton County } [12 Dec 1828]
Personally came before me Henry Wiles One of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County
Isaac Polke who being duly sworn according to Law deposeth and saith he knew Eli Davis (now an applicant for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an Act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved the 15th of May 1828) in the Winter of 1777 - 8, he done duty in that Regiment of the Virginia Line that was numbered the the thirteenth Regiment when it was first Embodied at Which period he done duty as a Musician he was Dressed in Uniform and I ever understood that he belonged to the Regiment before stated, then commanded by Col'l. John Gibson I recollect seeing him frequently doing duty with that Regiment until past the middle of October at which period the troops that I belonged to were moved away and after I returned to the same quarters in the winter of 1778 I do not recollect seeing him any more but am sensible that I knew him to do duty in the said Regiment as a Musician for more than nine months & further saith not.

The State of Ohio } Ss
Hamilton County }
Personally came before me M. Brown a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid
William Worthington [pension application W1346] who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith he knew Eli Davis (now an applicant for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an “act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved the 15th of May 1828) when he enlisted for three years or during the war, that he recollected seeing him frequently for two or three years doing duty as a Musician (fife major) and further that he believes that he continued until he was discharged as he the said Worthington saw him Davis shortly previous to the army’s being disbanded and further this deponent saith not Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st January 1829

William Worthington

Revoluntary Claims.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT./ 7 Oct 1829.
Eli Davis of [blank] in the county of Hamilton in the State of Ohio has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled “An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution,” approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Musician in captain Long’s company, in Col Gibson’s regiment of the Virginia line; and that he
received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his office. By order of the Secretary. / F A Dickens.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, / THIRD AUDITOR’S OFFICE, / 7th October 1829

It further appears that Eli Davis is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1820

The name of Eli Davis cannot be found among those of the Virginia line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued. Peter Hagner Aud

War Department/ Bounty Land Office/ Oct’r. 16th 1829
The name of Eli Davis does not appear on the Records of the Virginia line, on file in this Office, among those who acquired a right to Bounty Land, or, to whom a Warrant has issued Wm. Gordon