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Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Davis VAS3307
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Virginia, Logan County to wit:

This day William Davis [W284] of said County personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that his brother Thomas Davis enlisted in the service of the United States, as a private Soldier in the State Troops of Virginia at nearly the commencement of the Revolution, in the County of Botetourt; That he was marched to Boston in the State of Massachusetts, and was at that place at the time that the British General Gage landed [Thomas Gage, 13 May 1774]; That the said Thomas Davies served under Colo. [Daniel] Morgan at the Capture of Burgoyne [Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777], that he also served in the army at the battle of James Town [Green Springs Plantation on Jamestown Island, 6 Jul 1781] & the taking of Cornwallis at the seige of York [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]; That he said William Davies was present with his brother in these battles, at the last of which he was parted from him his brother Thomas being compelled to drive a baggage waggon from thence to Cambden South Carolina. The said William further states that his brother Thomas Davis received his discharge for his services in the month of April 1782 having served from the time of the landing of General Gage at Boston [to] the month of April 1782, a period of upwards of [illegible] years in actual service. this affiant further states that his brother Thomas Davies departed this life some 11 or 12 years ago, leaving a wife & seven children & that he believes that his said Brother never applied for the land, due him for said services. Given under my hand this 22^d February 1834. William Davies [see endnote]



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The affidavit of James Steater being first Sworn for that purpose states that he was well aquented with Thomas Davis in his lifetime and had ben for some fifteen or sixteen years before his death and often heard the said Davis speake of his having served in the Revolutionary War and beleves that from the statements of the said Thomas Davis he must have served the grater part of the Revolution and the said James Steater further states that the said Thomas and William Davis was Concidred in the neighbour hood whare the both lived to have ben in the regular service of the Virgiia line and further that Thomas Davis departed this live leaving a Wife Nancy and Seven Children residing on the Tug fork of Sandy River – and further this afiant saith not Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of Feby 1834
[signed] James Steater

[punctuation partly corrected]

The humble petition of Ann Davis, widow of Thomas Davis to His excellency, the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia respectfully Sheweth; That Thomas Davis, the husband of your petitioner, enlisted in the County of Botetourt, about the commencement of the War of our revolution, into the Virginia Militia on the Continental line establishment, and was sent with the army; to Boston; and served with the army engaged in effecting our revolution, during the whole War, except a short period that he was laid up, by the small pox. She therefore humbly prays that your Excellency and Council will be graciously pleased to grant her such amount of bounty Land as the services of her late husband would entitle her to under the authority of the Law “granting bounty land to soldiers of the revolution” and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c.
Ann Davis
Logan County Va/ March the 6th 1834

NOTE: Although the service described by William Davis or Davies matches that of William Davis whose pension application is numbered W284, the signatures do not match.