State of North Carolina } \\
County of Surry } SS \\
On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the undersigned Jonathan Whitaker Geo A Jones & Jas Clanton acting justices of the peace for the county of Surry NC Robert Davis a resident of the county & state, aforesaid aged 77 years 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 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year [blank] with Capt Isaac Taylor [W601] and served with the 1st regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers Capt I. Taylor, Major Quirck [sic: Thomas Quirk W5958], Col John Montgomery [R16522]. He enlisted for the term of three years in Botetot [sic: Botetourt] County Virginia marched to the Mississippi River past the Mississippi he marched to a place called the Illinois Town from thence to the Wabash thence to the Sandusky plains [in present Wyandot County OH] where he was in a battle against the Indians [see endnote] from thence he was marched again to the Iron Banks on the Mississippi [just below Wickliffe KY] and thence to the falls of the Ohio [at present Louisville] where he was wounded in the shoulder & where he remained until discharged by Col Montgomery his discharge he has lost he was during the time engaged in many skirmishes with the Indians During all which time he was a Sergeant Major.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or (if any) only on that of the agency in the State of Virginia Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[The following is from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia. The only other document in the file is a letter from E. B. Clemson to the Secretary of State of Virginia dated 30 Aug 1844 enquiring what evidence would be required to obtain a warrant for bounty land.]

Pension Office/ Aug’t 1st 1844

Sir [E. B. Clemson, Caledonia, Illinois] In answer to your inquiry relative to the claim for bounty land in right of Robert Davis, who it appears from the document referred to in your letter, and also from his Pension papers, was a Soldier of the Illinois Reg’t. commanded by Colonels Crockett [Joseph Crockett S46377] and Montgomery, I have to inform you that the Illinois Regiment belonged to the State and not the Continental Line of Virginia, and that neither the officers or the soldiers of any of the State Line Regiments are entitled to Warrants for bounty lands from the U. States, their claims for such bounty are adjudicated by the Executive of the State of Virginia, and the warrants issued under his authority.

Respect’y Y’r. Ob. Ser’t.

note Mr. Edwards [James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions] neglected I presume to sign this letter, his name is signed to the envelope, but I presume you have all the evidence required in cases of this kind

E. B. Clemson

NOTES:

The battle at Sandusky occurred 4-6 June 1782 when Col. William Crawford was defeated. Davis’s pension certificate notes that he died on 30 June 1847.