

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Dodd S38670

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County Sixth Judicial District.

This day personally appeared David Dodd a revolutionary soldier before me Alfred M. Harris one of the Judges of the State aforesaid, who being duly sworn, in pursuance of an Act of the last session of Congress providing a pension for poor & indigent revolutionary soldiers, deposes & saith, that he is about sixty four years of age & that he is in quite a helpless situation, being in reduced & poor circumstances, & so afflicted with the rheumatism, that he is unable to perform a day's labor, & he is unable to procure a support & subsistence without his bodily labor, he therefore these stands greatly in need of the assistance & bounty of his country. He further states that on the 6th day of May 1776 in Anson County State of North Carolina he enlisted in the regular service of the United States as a private in a ^{regular} company of Infantry commanded by Captain Thomas Harris, which composed a part of the fourth Regiment of infantry commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk, which Regiment belonged to the North Carolina line of Continental troops. That at the time he enlisted, he enlisted for the term of three years, that he served out faithfully the full length of time for which he enlisted, and that during the whole term of his service, he was entirely engaged in behalf of the United States against the British & Tories, the then common enemies of our Country. That during his service he was engaged actively in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], & Germantown [October full, 1777] & was at the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], but was not fighting in this battle as he did in the two above, for he was a guard to guard the wagons & sick & wounded, That he continued to serve in the company of Captain Harris until the 28th day of June 1798 [sic, 1778], when he was transferred to the company commanded by Captain John Summer's in the first Regiment of North Carolina Continental troops, which Regiment was commanded by ^{Col.} Thomas Clark. That he continued to serve faithfully in this company until the tenth day of May 1779, when he was regularly discharged at Paramus in the State of New York [sic]. This discharge he is now at this late date unable to produce having lost it through the lapse of time or been destroyed by accident. He further states that he has never received a pension from the United States for any cause whatever, & so far from having received a pension he has never received the pay that Government owed him for his services while serving as a regular, & furthermore Government owes him to this date for a horse, ^{saddle & bridle} that was pressed from him for the use of the United States in 1776, the horse was valued to eighteen pounds & the saddle & bridle were not valued, but they were worth \$20 + in 1777. Government by her officer pressed from him an excellent rifle gun, which was worth, with her apparatus, \$30 for these articles he has never received one cent, & the Government of the United States owes him for them yet. He hereby relinquishes his

right & claim to every pension that he may have heretofore been entitled to receive, except the one now claimed for the facts stated in this affidavit. He further states that he lives within the United States & is a citizen of Lincoln County Tennessee And he prays to be placed on the pension list -- that he may receive a pension in pursuance of an act passed at the last session of Congress providing a pension for poor & indigent revolutionary soldiers.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 25th of September 1818
S/ Alfred M. Harris, Judge etc.

S/ David Dodd {Seal}

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Dodd". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ David Dodd {Seal}".

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

This day personally appeared Jesse Dodd¹ before me Alfred M. Harris & made oath that he served in the above mentioned companies with the above affiant from a few days after said David enlisted until he was discharged, & he knows that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true.

Attest S/ Alfred M. Harris, Judge

S/ Jesse Dodd, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Scit:

This day personally appeared before me Alfred M Harris, Judge of the 6th Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee, the undersigned, Nancy Gatewood, who upon her oath says that she was during the Revolutionary War, & yet is acquainted with David Dodd (the same David Dodd who has applied to his government for a Pension, and whose papers have been returned for further proof of service) That during the Revolutionary War, she lived in the neighborhood of said David Dodd; and recollects very distinctly of his having enlisted as a soldier to fight the British. She does not know the length of time for which said Dodd enlisted, but recollects that it was said that he had enlisted for three years; and she does verily believe he did for he went into service in Captain Harris's Company (as she was informed and believes and was given to understand by all his neighbors) and did not return for a long time – She thinks at least not short of three years and when he did return, was dressed in Soldiers Clothes; & was generally respected and believed to have served out his time; & to have been honorably discharged = She has no doubt but that he did serve out his time; & that he was honorably discharged, as he was always a strong friend to his country; and others who had been in the service with him, spoke of him, as having done his duty –
28th of July 1819

Nancy Gatewood, X her mark

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County, Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions -- July Term 1820

On this 22nd day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record

¹ [Jesse Dodd S39453](#)

created by Statute & of unlimited civil jurisdiction, on the law side of said court, for the said County David Dodd, sixty six years of age on the 30th day of September 1820 a 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, to wit, That he enlisted on the sixth day of May 1776 for three years and Captain Thomas Harris company in the fourth Regiment of the North Carolina line in the Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk, and was transferred to Captain John Summers Company on the 28th day of January 1778 of the first North Carolina Regiment, commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark and was discharged the 10th day of May 1779 at Paramus in the State of New York, he was in the battle of Brandywine & Germantown and was on the Commissary Generals Guard on the day of the battle of Monmouth, and I do solemnly swear that I have been placed on the pension list roll of West Tennessee agency by pension certificate bearing number 14878, and that I made my original declaration for a pension on the 25th day of September 1818 and that I am a cooper by trade and have been unable to file it for twenty years, by reason of rheumatic pains my family consist of my wife aged fifty, a very sickly woman, and one daughter named Bathsheba 18 years of age & able to provide for herself, and I do solemnly [swear] that I was a resident 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 persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not, nor has any one 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 & by me subscribed.

S/ David Dodd

66 acres of land worth two dollars per acre \$15 due by note on the first day of September, one Milk Cow & three small cattle, two hogs, two pots, one spider, one plough, one broad ax, two falling axes, one drawing knife, one iron wedge, one froe, two hoes, one Cooper's ax, one pair of drawing chains, one washing tubb, one pail, one case of knives & forks, one pewter dish & four pewter plates, four delph plates, one set cups & saucers, judgment against a man for five dollars who has run away, a few shoemaking tools, one old saddle, one good bridle

S/ David Dodd

[p 14: The veteran made an almost identically worded application dated April 25, 1823, also filed in Lincoln County, Tennessee, except his listing of property is considerably reduced and he states that all his children are now married and living by themselves with their families and just he and his wife live in his household "and the said David Dodd further states that he has no horse, that he has to walk when he goes anywhere, which he is greatly unable to do. That he has been obliged to contract many debts to procure him a support, which are now demandable & due against him. That he has about \$55 for such necessities of life and if he cannot be relieved by his country he firmly believes he will suffer for the common necessities of life."]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 25, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]