

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Henry W. Davis W350

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State of Tennessee, Williamson County

On this sixteenth day of August 1821 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said district and County, Henry W. Davis, aged sixty two years and upwards, resident in Williamson County in said circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: he enlisted as a soldier in the Virginia Continental line in a company commanded by Captain William Adams in Fluvanna County Virginia, and joined the army under Capt. Kirkpatrick at Albemarle Old Courthouse. The regiment was commanded by Colonel William Gaskins and shortly after was under the command of Col. Fobiger[? Christian Fehiger], does not know in what regiment. He enlisted about the first of April 1779 for eighteen months, served the whole time, and was discharged in October 1781 by Col. Fehiger at Cumberland Old Courthouse in Virginia. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 15th 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, 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 heretofore annexed, and by me subscribed.

His property is one feather bed worth \$20, 1 straw bed and clothes worth \$10, 1 banshear plough worth \$2, one shovel plough \$1, one tongue plough \$1, one coulter plough worth .75 cents, 2 axes worth \$3, four hoes worth \$3, 1 sow and six shoats worth \$10, one set of knives and forks worth \$1.50, ½ dozen delf plates 75 cts, one set of Wedges \$1, 2 delf Dishes \$1, 8 chickens \$1, Two Guinea fowls worth fifty cents, 1 washing tub worth 50 cts, 1 pail 50 cts, 2 piggins and one noggin, \$1, 1 small lock chain 75 cts, 1 pair of drawing chains \$2, 1 Bell 50 cts. In all amounting to \$61.65. All the rest of his property and house hold furniture has been sold to satisfy just debts. His occupation is a farmer, he is able to work but little on account of Rheumatism and Sciatica pains, he is also very nie [sic, near?] sighted. He has a wife named Judith fifty eight years of age, unable to help him much, she is crippled from a fall of a horse. He has one daughter named Polly who is the only child that lives with him and assists in maintaining his family, she is in her sixteenth year. All the rest of his children have left him and are providing for themselves and are over twenty one years of age. He has one grandchild four years old that lives with him, named Parabee Vanables, which he provides for as his mother is dead and father has left the state That from the property he has and his own ability to labour and assistance of his family which he can command he is unable to support himself with out the assistance of his country.

S/ Henry W. Davis

Sworn to and declared on the sixth day of August 1821 in open court before me

S/ Thos. Stuart, Judge.

Which being heard and seen by the court and understood it is considered by the court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in said schedule is not worth more than \$61.65 and that the said property in said schedule, exclusive of the bedding, is not worth more than \$31.85, and that the same be so certified by the clerk of this court.

S/ William Smith, Clerk of Williamson County Circuit Court

[Judah Davis, resident of Benton County, Tennessee, in 1843 filed for a widow's pension stating that she married Henry W. Davis on 1st Aug. 1787 and her husband died 1st Jan. 1837. Other documents in the file indicate her maiden name was Judith Walmack

[There is a Bible record in this file but it is illegible, at least in the Footnote.com version.]

District of West Tennessee

Henry W. Davis a citizen of Williamson County in the District aforesaid came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his services as a Continental soldier in the revolutionary war in conformity with the provisions of an act of Congress. And after being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that he enlisted as a Continental soldier in the Virginia Continental line under the command of Captain William Adams and was marched and joined the Army at Albemarle old court house, and was under the command of Captain Kirkpatrick, under the command of Colonel William Gaskins, next under the command of Colonel Febigah [sic, Christian Fehiger?] in the Virginia Continental line, does not know what Regiment. That he enlisted in the year 1779 for 18 months and faithfully served his time and was discharged, that he was in no general action but in some skirmishes. That he has long since lost his discharge. That he is in extreme poverty and much needs the aid of Government. That he is in his 61st year, old and very infirm.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 4th April 1820 S/ Henry W. Davis

S/ John McNairy

District Judge

[Benjamin Davis (relationship, if any, not stated) gave an affidavit that he knew applicant to be a soldier in the Virginia line, that Henry Davis was taken sick during his service, came home, got well and rejoined the army and served out his time.]