

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Isaac Davis and John Davis VAS3281  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Sir [Wm Humphrey Sale]. I Recie'd yours by boy and in answer must inform you that I Gave John Davis sun to John Davis A certificate at least three or four years ago and his Acc [account] is settled if you wish to no when he inlisted it was in Dec'r 1776 & his death was in July 1777 as for the time for which he Inlisted for the muster rolls at Richmond I do not no as I enlisted so many I am D'r Sir your most obt Sare Tho Hord [possibly Thomas Hoard [Hord] BLWt1073-300]  
25<sup>th</sup> June 1787



[The following is from the rejected file of Isaac Gipson VAS3282.]

Harrison County to Wit  
The State of Virginia

on this the 25th day of December 1834 Before me J H Woodford a Justice of the peace of the County a fore said personally Came William Ford [S8506] and Mary Woodford and Henery Ford [Henry Ford] Who Being Duly Sworn doth on there oaths Depose and say that They was well acquainted with a Certain Isaac Gipson and Isaac Davis [VAS3281] and John Davis [VAS3281] all of the County of Fauquire [sic: Fauquier] and State of Virginia and Knows that They was Regular Soldiers in the Revolutionary War and Knows that they did Inlist in the year of 1777 under Captain John Ashbey [sic: John Ashby VAS2301] for the term of three years Each the Deponants says that they knew the said Isaac Gipson and Isaac Davis to serve two years and upwards and then Died in service and the Deponants Further States that John Davis lived and servd his time out and which was 3 years and then Recevd his Discharge and Returned to the County of Fauquire and lived there for a Number of years and then Moved to the County of Harrison in State a fore said and there Lived and Died and Further the Deponents says that the above Mentioned Isaac Gipson had a sister By the Name of Elizabeth Gipson Now Elizabeth Yates Which is the only heir Now liveng that they Ever Knew any thing about The Deponant William Ford States that he has No Record of his age but from the Best InforMation that he Can get he the deponant is Between 75 and 80 years of age and also the above Mention Deponant Henery Ford states that he is Now Between 70 and 75 years of His age and Further the Deponants saith Note  
Sworn to and Subscribed Before Me this  
the Day and year first above Written  
John H Woodford JP

William hisXmark Ford  
Henery hisXmark Ford  
Mary herXmark Woodyard

[On 26 Dec 1834 the heirs named in the following document signed power of attorney to Waldo P. Goff.]

State of Virginia }  
Harrison County } To Wit

Be it known that on the 1st day of January in the year of AD 1835 personally appeared Thomis Sinclair annd Doroty Sinclair Late Dorothy Davis and Isaac Davis and Peter Ford and Isabell Ford Late Isabell Davis and Jesse Rector and Rebecca Rector Late Rebecca Davis and Eligah Davis Heirs and Heiras at Law of John Davis and Isaac Davis Who they Beleave From the Depositions of the Witnesses Companying this Deposition Was Regular Soldiers in the Revolutionary War and Intitled to Bounty Lands from the goverment of Virginia and that thay Believe that their father and uncle Never Received any Bounty Lands for their Servises Nor do they Believe that any of they Heirs Ever did Isaac Davis Given under our hands and seals year first wrtten  
Thomas Sinclair/ Dorothy herXmark Sinclair

Peter Ford/ Isabell herXmark Ford/ Jesse Rector/ Rebecca herXmark Rector/ Elijah Davis

State of Virginia at a court held at the court held at the court house of Harrison County on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1835.

Satisfactory evidence was this day adduced in court to prove that Elijah Davis, Jesse Rector, Rebecca Rector late Rebecca Davis, Thomas Sinclair, Dorothy Sinclair late Dotothy Davis, Isaace Davis, Peter Ford, and Isabella Ford, late Isabella Davis are the heirs and heirs at law in fee, of John Davis and Isaac Davis late regular soldier in the Company of Captain John Ashby in the revolutionary war.

Report upon the claim of the heris of John Davis & Isaac Davis – Soldiers of the Continental line, for bounty land for their services.

To Governor Tazewell

Sir, The facts which appear, in this case from public records & documents, are the following – to wit.

Te name of Isaac Davis appears once on the Army Register of the Continental line. He receiv'd, himself, July 31<sup>st</sup> 1789, £35.7.8 the balance of his full pay &c. His name has not been found on the army Register of the State line and no Soldier, of that name, appears to have receiv'd bounty land.

The name of John Davis, as noncommission'd officer & private soldier, occurs six times on the Army Register of the State line, and Sixteen times on that of the Continental line. Two Sergeants John Davis have received 200 acres of land each, for their servivces – a Soldier of Cavalry, of that name, has received 2000 acres of land – and another Soldier, & Seaman, of the same name, has receiv'd, each, 200 acres of land.

The proof of living witnesses, which has been relied upon by the Claimants, is the affidavit of William Ford - Henry Ford and Mary Woodyard, which will be found fil'd with the petition of the Heirs of Isaac Gipson for bounty land. They prove, that they were well acquainted with both John and Isaac Davis of Fauquier County & State of Virginia, and know that they were regular soldiers in the Revolutionary war. That they enlisted in the year 1777, under Captain John Ashbey, for three years – that Isaac Davis serv'd more than two years under the said enlistment and died in the service & that John Davis serv'd his full term of three years and was discharg'd &c. These witnesses are prov'd to be respectable.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ April 9<sup>th</sup> 1835