

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim for James Davis BLWt1051-300 VA
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Charles County (MD) Orphans Court June term 1822

From the evidence adduced to this Court it appears to the satisfaction of said Court That James Davis an officer in the revolutionary War of the Virginia line departed this life in December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and nineteen Intestate, and that George Washington Davis and Elizabeth Davis are the sole surviving Heirs at Law of said dec'd.

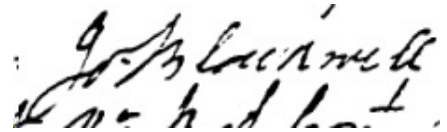
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[The following are in two files from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Two documents are illegible in the online images.]

Fauquier County

I do certify that I knew James Davis of Stafford who was a subaltern in Capt Gus. B. Wallaces Gustavus B. Wallace BLWt2422-450] Company 3rd Regt of Va. Cont line – he afterwards became a Captain and served many years in the army & I believe to the close of the war. Given under my hand this 23 July 1822.

Jo. Blackwell Late Capt [Joseph Blackwell S37781]
6th Va. Reg't Cont Line



Case of James Davis heirs.

He was a Capt in the Va. Continental Line more than three years – as certified by Colo. Joseph Blackwell of Fauquier.

More testimony could be got – but this is deemed sufficient.

Capt Davis died in Maryland – his two children are very illiterate – cannot write their names – from this circumstance the father is presumed to have been either too ignorant or too negligent, to bring his claim forward himself – I have a certified copy of a Record of the Orphan's Court in Maryland, that these claimants are the heirs of James Davis an officer in the Revolutionary Army of the Virginia Line – and am desired to present the claim

T. Green

I William B Wallace [S42612] Late a 1st Lieutenant in the United States 1st Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col Charles Harrison [VAS1411] in the Revolutionary war do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Capt James Davis of the 3^d Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment and that the said Davis commenced his revolutionary service at the first raising the said Regiment some time early in the year 1776 probably in January as an Ensign in a Company commanded by my brother Gustavus B Wallace. I long knew him in that Regiment being Captured myself at Sumpters defeat [sic: defeat of Gen. Thomas Sumter at Fishing Creek] in South Carolina the 18th of August 1780 and remaining a Prisoner till released by the treaty of 1783 I knew nothing more of Mr Davis service but on my return from Captivity I found Davis Ranking as stiled as Captain and have every reason to believe he had continued in service till that army was disbanded, and believe if it had been otherwise I should have known it.

W B Wallace

Lawrenceburg Kent'y 14th April 1823

certified in presence of us Will Hudgins/ A. C. [illegible]

To His Excellency the Governor of Virg'a. & Council. [6 Sep 1837]

Your memorialist Geo. W. Davis, of Charles County Co. in the State of Maryland, being the son and sole surviving heir at law of the late James Davis, Respectfully states – that his said father first entered the service of his country as 3rd Lieutenant of Marines November 2nd 1776 – was afterwards a subaltern officer in Cap. Gus. B. Wallace's co. in the 3rd Virg'a. Con'tl. Reg't. was promoted to a captaincy, and served to the end of the said War of the Revolution. Your petitioner states that in the summer of 1822 he was allowed 4000 acres of land, & rec'd. the same, for his said father's servis, for 3 years when in fact, there was an additional amount of land which he at that time had the right to claim, but not being advised, but being ignorant of that fact, he did not insist on its allowance. He therefore now prays that such add'l. land may be allowed to him as may be due for s'd. officers services over six years – of these facts your petitioner has been informed & verily believes them to be true

George W. Davis