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Pension Application of William Davenport R2683 Patsey Davenport VA
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Trigg County Court/ April Term 1846

On this 13th day April 1846 Personally appeared before the Court in and for aforesaid County Thomas Davenport, Son of the late William Davenport (Dec'd) who was a revolutionary soldier of the united States in the war of the revolution, 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 7th July 1838, granting pension to certain widows

That this declarant the aforesaid Thomas Davenport in behalf of himself and the other heirs of the said William davenport Dec'd. states that the said William Devenport was a Continental Soldier, in the Virginia line, The heirs understand and Enlisted for the Term of five years (To wit) under Genl George Washington he lived in Halifax County Va. when he enlisted and went in service in the year 1776 in the latter part thereof and, marched, to boston and New England, and was there in a battle, and force to retreat – he was also at the battle of brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and Thence marched to North Carolina, and was at the battle at Gilford Court house, which accured in March 1781 under the Command of Genl Green [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781, under Nathanael Greene] Thene he marched to South Carolina, and was at the battle of Utaw Springs on 15 Sept 1781 [sic: Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep 1781]. he left the service in the fall of 1781 as the heirs understand and believe.

The affiant further swore That the said William Davenport was married married in the year of 1793 on July 4th to Patsy Wallice and as husband and wife they lived together until the death of the said William Davenport, who Died on 22nd day of April 1819. And that his widow the aforesaid Patsey Davenport departed this life on the 28 day of (Feby) February, the Twenty Eighth Feby Eighteen Hundred and Forty Two.

This declareant further sets forth upon his oath that the aforesaid Patsey Davenport did not marry after the death of her husband the aforesaid William Davenport, but remain his widow till her death

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year before written in open Court.

Thomas hisXmark Davenport

NOTES:

Benjamin Wallis stated that he had been present at the marriage of William Davenport and his sister Patsey Wallis at their father's house in Chester District SC on "a bright pretty day." A court document certified that Patsy Davenport was survived by the following nine children: "Newton Davenport who Intermarried with Ellenor Morriss, Polly Davenport who marrid Ferdinand Wallice, Thomas Davenport, who married Elizabeth Wallice, Permelia Davenport, who marrid James P Wallice, Frances Davenport Elizabeth Davenport who married John Wallice Salley Davenport, Cintha Davenport, Nancy Davenport." On 7 June 1852 Thomas Davenport provided the following information about the heirs of Patsy Davenport: Newton Davenport born in June 1794; Polly Wallace age 56; Thomas Davenport aged 54; Permelia Wallace abut 50; Fanny Davenport about 48; Sally Davenport about 42; Betsy Wallace about 46; Cynthia Davenport about 38; Nancy W. Davenport 35.

On 20 May 1856 John Humphries stated that he was the son of Absalom Humphries and Berthena Humphries (pension application W2942), and that he had heard William Davenport, his father, his uncle Thomas Humphries, and Churchill Carter discussing their services especially at Fourth-of-July celebrations, harvests, and public gatherings.