Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Davis S10521

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[A note in the file states that the original application was sent to District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from Lewis and other counties in present West Virginia. For details see the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111). The following report is by Singleton, who wrote "Fraud" on the cover.]

William Davis of Lewis county. Pensioner \$80—

Col. McKinley of Weston Lewis county met with Davis some time last Spring. – when Davis attempted to get out of his way from a supposition that he McKinley had a process against him touching his pension claim – after undeceiving him in that particular Davis told McKinley that he had never done any other Military Service other than what he done in 1794 against the whiskey boys [Whiskey Rebellion] near Brownsville [sic: Brownsville PA] and that he was not in the war of the Revolution —

Laurentz (the magistrate who swore Davis to his declaration) told McKinly that Davis had requested him to write to the Secretary of War and request him to discontinue his Pension – Laurentz communicated to Col. Asa Squires the same facts –

this case in more notorious than any other in Lewis county - Davis is Insolvent - [James H.] Bennett has been Indicted in this case. W. G Singleton Nov. 3, 1834