

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Davis S21154

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State of South Carolina York District

On this 17th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court before me William D. Martin, an Associate Judge of the State aforesaid in the district of York, now sitting -- George Davis a resident of the State and district aforesaid, aged 68 years, who being first duly sworn, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 --

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In the County of Frederick, State of Maryland in the year 1763 or 4 --

2nd Have you any record of your age; if so where is it?

Ans: I have no record, it being lost during the war -- I can only rely on my memory.

3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, & where do you now live?

Ans: When called into service was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and continued there until 1799 when I removed to York South Carolina where I continued to live.

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute in & for whom?

Ans: I was on all occasions a volunteer.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: That in the year 1781 he was employed from about the first of May till towards the close of the year in what was called minute service, which consisted in a great number of trips to and fro throughout the district and neighboring County of Lincolnton [sic, Lincoln], in scouting parties for different purposes -- to watch and harass the British and Tories and detained while the necessity appeared to exist -- on some of the occasions he was commanded by Capt. James Tuggart [James Ligert], on others by Capt. John Brumfield [George Brownfield, on others by Capt. [illegible first name] Parks [possibly Hugh Parks], & on others by Capt. Robert McNight [sic, Robert McKnight] -- at the close of this year was a volunteer for three months regular service, under the command of Capt. Parks and General Locke [Colonel Francis Locke] until we met General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] near Dan River, and extended the term of service at the request of Green 10 days beyond the three months -- Among the troops of the Continental line with us at Dan River was Col. Washington [William Washington] and his troop of horse; and Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], who was also there with another troop my whole

term of service is estimated at eight months --

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received one for the three months service, it was given by Lt. Col. Hagins [probably John William Hagan¹ of the Mecklenburg County Regiment] -- it is long since lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans: Capt. J.B. Fulton & Benjamin Chambers

The applicant relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed in open court the day & year above written.

S/ A. McWhorter, CCCpls.

S/ G. Davis

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[James B. Fulton and Benjamin Chambers and Robert Y. Russell, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina York District:

On this the twenty ninth day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before me Benjamin Chambers Esquire, one of the Judges of the Court of Ordinary for the said State of South Carolina George Davis a resident of the State and district aforesaid who being first duly sworn, doth make the following declaration, in order to remove the objections made to his declaration sworn to before his Honor Judge Martin on 17 October 1832, and which has been returned by the Secretary of War, as deficient in some particulars.

First the applicant states the whole term of his service was not less than eight months -- he thinks he served longer but from the nature of his service, cannot speak with certainty (as to the time of service) but is certain he served eight months in the whole --

Second -- He served as a private soldier the whole time -- being a volunteer, and as then called "a minute man;" liable to be called out at any time, and kept out any length of time, and discharged at any time -- and under this regulation, was called out, at different times, and served on different occasions, and remained in the service until discharged -- in this character he served at least five months in the year of 1780 -- after this service was over, he served three months tour as a volunteer in the State Militia, under Capt. Parks, and General Lock; from this last service he had a regular discharge, but which paper has been lost, and cannot now be found --

Third -- He was engaged in no Battle --

Fourth, He marched through Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Guilford, Orange & the other counties in North Carolina in the direct route from York district to the Virginia line under Capt. Parks & General Lock in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis and joined General Greene near the Virginia line, he also made a tour through some of the upper district of South Carolina. This

¹ This man's name has been variously given in the records as William Haggins, William Heaggins, William Hagins, & William Higgins.

service was one of great fatigue dangers and hardships.

Fifth -- He commenced service, as "a volunteer minute man" as well as he can recollect first day of May 1780, and says in this service he continued until the middle of December following, during which time he was actually out at least five months -- after the middle December above mentioned commenced his service as a volunteer on a tour of three months in the State Militia as pointed out in his second answer in this declaration --

Sixth -- He served under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], while he acted as a volunteer minute man -- and under General Locke and General Greene while he acted as a volunteer in the State Militia. He also served a short time under Col. Williams [probably Joseph Williams] of Surry County.

S/ G. Davis

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]