## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Levi Davis S21156 VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Tennessee } On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1834 personally appeared in open court at a circuit court now sitting for said County before the Honorable Edward Scott Judge &c **Knox County** Levi Davis a citizen of said county aged 82 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832. That he was born in Prince George Cty. Maryland in March 1732 [sic] as well as he is now informed – that he lived there untill he was eleven years old, when he moved with his father into Prince William County Virginia, where he lived about 16 years when he moved to Bedford County Virginia, where he lived untill sometime in 1792 when he moved into Rockingham County N.C. where he lived but one year when he moved into Stokes Cty N.C. where he lived untill about 1809 when he moved to Knox County Tennessee where he lived 13 years when he moved to Overton Tenn. where he has lived untill a short time ago when he came to this County, Knox. – He states that sometime early in the year 1777 while living in Prince William County Virginia, he entered the army of the united states as a volunteer and enrolled himself for the term of one year into a company of foot commanded by Captain Tibbs [probably Thomas Tebbs], Lieutenant James Tibbs [James Tebbs], and Robert Young, Ensign – applicant calls his enrollment an enlistment but he does not believe his company was of the continental army but some peculiar organization of the militia – he knows however that he was enrolled for one year – some short time after his enrollment the report was that the British were going to land some where along the coast of Prince William County, and applicant with his company were ordered to march to Dumfries – while here applicant frequently saw the British shipping and remained at that station he believes for four months or thereabouts to prevent them from landing – about this time the shipping went out of view and there being a great call for men at Charleston and at Philadelphia applicants whole company except himself enlisted into the continental army for three years and marched as applicant believes to Charleston - applicant not wishing to serve longer than one year refused to go with them he was transferred into the minute service and was under the command of Lieutenant Cud. McMillan and thinks his now Regiment was under the command of Col. [Henry] Lee – in this service applicant continued untill sometime in September he thinks early in the month he was transferred into a company of militia commanded by Captain Valentine Peyton & Lieutenant Whitley – which company was attached to a Regiment under the command of Col Jesse Ewell of Prince William County – under these officers applicant marched on towards the main army then near Philadelphia – and when he had passed through Lancaster Penn. he recollects of hearing the roar of cannon which afterwards proved to be at the battle of Germantown [4] Oct 1777] – he joined the main army then under General Washington somewhere near or above Germantown – and he continued in reach of the main army making frequent excursions to the Rising sun [tavern] and other posts up upon the schoolkill river [sic: Schuylkill River] untill the period for which had entered the service had expired when he was ordered to return home – applicant states that frequently during the year 1778 when there was a report that the British were endeavouring to land he volunteered his services and marched to resist them – he recollects once a report came that they had landed at Esq. Will Blounts, he thinks in Stafford County, on the Potomac river, he volunteered with several others and went and drove the British to their shipping after they had destroyed Blounts stacks of grain and his out houses – applicant thinks he was eight days in this scout – he states that he volunteered during the year 1778 for the purpose of preventing the British from landing so frequently and at so many places that he cannot describe particularly the movements or details of each campaign, nor did he march under officer particularly but repaired to the scene of invasion whenever and whereever he thought his services were needed and when arrived put himself under any officers that the superior officers would direct – he thinks that in this way he performed services equal to two whole months – applicant states that late in the summer or early in the fall of 1779 after he had moved to Bedford County Va. he was drafted for a tour

of three months and was enrolled into a company commanded by Captain Jeremiah Pate which company was attached to a Regiment under the command of Col. [James] Callaway of Bedford County - under these officers applicant marched down towards Elizabeth City to repel the British who threatened to land there – before reaching there however the British had sailed off, but hovered along the coast untill the three months for which he had been drafted had nearly expired when the enemy having entirely disapeared we returned home – applicant states that sometime about the first of February 1781 he was again drafted in Bedford County for a tour of three months and was enrolled into a company commanded by Captain Jonathan Richardson [Jonathan Richeson] – and Lieutenant Matthew Pate which company was attached to a Regiment under the command of Col. Charles Lynch – he states that he marched under these officers and joined the main army sometime before the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and were then put under the command of Cols. [William] Washington and Lee as the light infantry of their Regiments – applicant states that he met the enemy on the 15th March near Guilford and was in the hottest and earliest part of the engagement [New Garden Meeting House] – after the battle at Guilford aplicant continued with the main army untill they reached Deep river when the pursuit being abandoned applicant with his company were ordered to return home the three months for which he had been drafted having nearly expired – applicant states that he served as have described twenty months as a private for which he claims a pension – he states that he has no record of his age but believes from the best information he has that he has stated his age correctly – he states that the individuals to whom he is known in his neighbourhood who can testify to his veracity and his reputation for having performed revolutionary services are Edward Epps [Edward Eppes], Charles Price and others – he states that there is no clergyman in his neighbourhood – he states that he never received a discharge for any of his services nor has he any documentary evidence whatever of his services nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – he hereby relinquishes every claim to an annuity or pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 14<sup>th</sup> August 1834 Levi hisXmark Davis

State of Tennessee } On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834 Personally appeared before Zac. Boothe an acting Justice of the Peace for said County Levi Davis a citizen of said County **Knox County** and being sworn on the Evangelists of Almighty God doth on his oath make this additional or amendatory decleration in order to obtain the provision of an act of congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That after the four months had expired which he performed at Dumfries as stated in his former decleration, and which he now believes to have been in the month of May – he states that at that time his impression is, that he entered the minute service and continued in constant service under the officers mentioned in his former decleration sometimes at Dumfries, after first leaving there at other times marching along the Bay and guarding the coast at Prince William and Stafford Counties and when not marching were kept embodied and was in constant service – applicant states that he cannot mention more particularly than he now does the incidents of this service – its whole theatre is confined to the territory of two Counties which were under the constant apprehension of a sudden invasion and he and his comrades were always ready under arms and collected to repel it – he states that at the time his company broke up at Dumfries by enlisting, he told his officer that he was disposed to serve the year out, but no longer, and that the attached himself to the minute service as a volunteer – it was the same way with his entering the militia in the campaign to Philidelphia he may be said to have joined it as a volunteer – he states that his militia campaign was for three months which he served to the entire end and which brought his first year to within 15 days of a close – he states that the two campaigns which he has mentioned as having undertaken for three months, he performed actual service in each campaign of two months and twenty five days for which he claims a pension – Levi hisXmark Davis