## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Davis S2499 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of North Carolina } On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting **Burke County** Samuel Davis Sn'r. a resident of said County & State aged on the 12th day of October instant 79 years There was a record of his age made by my Father in his Bible which stated that I was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1753 he states he has a paper now in possess which shows his age – who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832. that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. The Militia of Albemarle County Virginia, were devided into classes from No. 1 to No. 10 [to be chosen by lot for active duty]. I belonged to the ninth division, and served my first tour of duty which was three months under Capt'n Isaac Davis [pension application S15799] I dont recollect the year nor the date. We marched from Albemarle County to Williamsburg & were stationed there during that Tour nearly all our time. We marched from that place up to Richmond & was discharged I got no writen discharge at that time but afterwards when all my services was ended I got a writen discharge on paper from Capt'n Isaac Davis who was my Militia Capt'n. in Albemarl during the war & who went out with me in the first Tour, which paper I now have dated January 6<sup>th</sup> 1782 and which is hereunto affixed & sent.

My next Tour of servic which was for three months was under Capt'n Hunton (dont recollect his given name) [probably John Hunton] We marched to what was called "the half way hous" This was between Williamsburg & Little York [Halfway House between Williamsburg and Yorktown] we there joined Genl Lafayett [sic: Lafayette] the date I cannot recollect we were not moved any great distance from that place till my time was out & I was discharged. There was no fighting during this Tour. My next Tour was after Corn Wallece passed through Charlottsville and the Militia were called out to go after him. [sic: see endnote] I was then under Capt'n Robt Sharp [Robert Sharp]. Corn Wallice tooke the three noched road [Three Notch Road, now US 250]] we followed him on towards Richmond and down towards what is called Pages Ware house we come up with Corn Wallice some where near that place and we prepared for action, but we retreated before any battle took place & marched on & crossed Rapadan River at Racoon Ford. Then we countermarched and followed after the British again my time expired on the route & I was dismissed & permited to go home

Shortly after this I was called out again under Capt'n. Isaac Davis my old Captain – and marched to Little York where we joined Gen'l. Washington. we goth there in September and in about 20 days after, CornWallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781]. a short time after this I was discharged & some few months after I got home Capt'n Isaac Davis give me the paper which I send with this declaration. In this last tour I was not gone much, if any more than a month. This ended my service Some years after the War I moved from Virginia to North Carolina & have been living in Burke County upwards of thirty years.

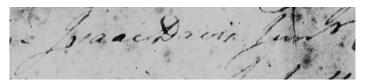
Samuel Davis Court

He hereby 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 or of any state

Sworn to & subscribed day & year aforesaid

January the 6<sup>th</sup> 1783

I do hereby Certify that Samuel Davis Of Albermarle County has done his proper Tours of duty in the militia when Call'd on And that he is in the ninth Division and Was on duty with the last men that done Duty from the above County. Given Under My Hand – Isaac Davis Jun'r Capt of The Company in which the said Davis Has muster'd Ever Since he was a man



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Samuel Davis further swears that there is no person to his knowledge living in North Carolina who can prove his servises & believes that there is no person living by whome he could prove his servises unless there should be living in Albemarl County Virginia some of the people who were his neighbours during the Revolution. he knows not whether there is or is not, not having heard from them in many years and not having been there in 38 years and is now too old & infirm to travel there to search for testimony in his case. sworn to & subscribed in presents of}

March 24<sup>th</sup> 1833

Fred'k Stevilie/ Jas Reed

State of North Carolina } Additional testimony

Burke County }

furnished in the case of Samuel Davis to the War Department for the purpose of procuring his pension for servises in the War of the Revolution as follows to Wit

I Samuel Davis of the State and County afores'd. solemnly swears to the following facts on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God.

I was called out into service of my Country in the month of August 1778 and discharged in November 1778.

I was again called out in April 1780 and discharged in June 1780.

I was again called out in May 1781 and discharged in August 1781.

I was again called out in September 1781 and discharged on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 1781 at York Town Virginia

The whole ammount of my servises was Ten months for which I claim pay.

Personally appeared Sam. Davis before us James Avery and David Glass two of the Justices of the peace for s'd. County who after being sworn as afores'd. on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and sayeth that the facts as stated above are true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before us.

26 day March 1833

## NOTES:

Davis's account of the tour under Lafayette is confused. Lord Cornwallis did not pass through Charlottesville; it was Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton on 4 June 1781. Lafayette's army was not pursuing Cornwallis's army at that time, but was being pursued by it. Lafayette reached Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River on 6 June, and on 10 June was joined by troops under Gen. Anthony Wayne. The combined army first blocked Cornwallis's advance toward Charlottesville, then pursued it toward Richmond.

On 21 Feb 1853 Samuel Davis of Union County GA stated that his father, Samuel Davis the pensioner, had moved from Burke County NC to Macon County GA where he lived for three years, then moved to Cass County GA for about seven months until his death on 31 Oct 1838. On the same day Samuel Davis, Jr. certified that besides himself there were three other surviving heirs of Samuel Davis, Sr.: Mathew Davis, Jane Pyatt, and Sarah Bright.