

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Davis S31159 VA
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State of Kentucky Fleming County Sct.

On this 9th day of Aug'st. 1832 personally appeared in open court now setting Joseph Davis a resident of the county of Fleming and state of Kentucky aged 72 years 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 June 7 1832.

That he entered into the service of the United States in the month of March 1781 in the town of Alexandria in the State of Virginia (now district of Columbian) in the company commanded by Capt'n William Little – Major (or Col.) Ramsey Commanding the battalian or Regiment, as a volunteer for three months, and marched to Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] in Va. where he drew arms. Thence to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] (Va.) and thence to Hampton (Va) where Gen'l. [George] Weedon took command of the whole and marched us back to Richmond Va and he was there discharged in July 1781 – (his first engagement having expired before that time and he having again volunteered) and returned home to Alex'a and in a few days after his arrival at Alex'a. he was drafted (in august 1781) and ordered out, and on account of a want of arms or because necessity required the roads to be repaired for the main army to pass on to York in Va. he knows not which, he was kept with the detachment to which he belonged at work on the road from Alex'a. to York in Va. and had proceeded near a hundred miles on that road to Hanover County Va. when they were met in the latter part of October 1781 by the U. S. Army guarding the prisoners taken at York [surrendered at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] up the Country, and he was then discharged. he states that on neither occasion did he receive a written discharge nor a cent of pay – but that he served as before set forth and received the approbation of his officers, and he believes that written discharges were not given to any of the detachments to which he belonged. he states that from early part of March 1781 to the latter end of October 1781 except a few days in the latter end of July & beginning of August, he was constantly in the service of the United States, and that the time he served was more than six month's – about seven months he thinks – That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. 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 of any State – he was born in State Maryland, lived in virginia when he entered into the service & for the last 40 years in Ky Flg Cty. Swore to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Joseph hisXmark Davis