

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Lewis Cookson Davis S32199 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

The State of Alabama } SS.
 Autauga County }

On this 3rd day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Alwin A. McWhorter, Judge of the County, Orphans' and Commissioners Courts of said County, Lewis Cookson Davis, a resident of the County of Autauga and State of Alabama, aged seventy six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in Hanover County in the State of Virginia in the year 1757 and enlisted in Fluvanna County of the same State, in the year 1777 about the month of February, for the term of three years with lieutenant Paine, and when organised, marched to Williamsburg. At Williamsburg I fell into Capt [Windsor] Brown's Company. My regiment was commanded by Maj. Merriwether [sic: Thomas Meriwether] and Cols. Parker and [John] Allison, who were the officers of the first Virginia State Regiment. My regiment were then march to Alexandria and there vaccinated for the small pox – we were then marched to the trap[?] in Pennsylvania and joined the main army under Washington, a few days after the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], thence to White Marsh [Whitemarsh] when the British lay on Chesnut Hill [sic: Chestnut Hill]. After skirmishing five days we retreated to winter quarters at Valley Forge. In the Spring we marched into Newjersey, and in June we fought at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], thence to White Plains. I joined at the White Plains the light infantry under General [Charles] Scott and march to Kingsbridge, or Horse Neck, in New York, and there our troops guarded the lines near the City of New York. Thence we marched to Boundbrook [Bound Brook], New Jersey, into winter quarters. In the succeeding Spring, we marched back to the State of New York, as light infantry under the command of General [Anthony] Wayne, to West Point, thence to Stony Point under Capt. Guess [probably Gist] and Col. Febeger [sic: Christian Febiger], and there stormed the fort at the point of the bayonet [16 Jul 1779]. Thence we marched to Morristown, where we were discharged. My discharge was accidentally lost shortly afterwards. The discharge was dated at Alexandria, Virginia. The Paymaster of the troops with whom I served, I think during the whole time of my service, was named John Sutton [pension application S6178], who I am told is yet living in Caroline County in the State of Virginia.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court Dec. 3rd 1832



The State of Alabama }
 Autauga County } On this 24th day of December A.D. 1833, personally appeared before the Honorable Henly Brown, Judge of the County, Orphans and Commissioners Courts of said County, now sitting as Judge of the Orphans Court, Lewis Cookson Davis a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged as stated in his former declaration, to which this is prayed to be taken and received as an amendment, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following additional declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he knows of no fact in relation to the circumstances of his service, in addition to those he has detailed in his former declaration. He knows of no persons, now living, by whose testimony, he can prove his service, nor any of the facts in regard to it. He cannot consequently make the proof which the

note j seems to require.

He hopes, however, that the fact that his name does not appear on the Military Rolls or Revolutionary Archives of the State of Virginia, in full, will not so far prejudice his claim, as to preclude the proof, which, were there no such Rolls of Archives in existence, would only be required.

He therefore makes the answers to the questions which the Department has prescribed, and gives the necessary certificates.

Int. 1. Where and in what year were you born?

he answers – I was born in Hanover County, in the State of Virginia, in the year 1757.

Int. 2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it.

I have no record of my age, and none exists, within my knowledge.

Int. 3. Where were you living when called into service – where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

I was living in Fluvanna County in the State of Virginia when called into service. At the expiration of my service, I lived in Hanover County, Va. four years. I then emigrated to the State of Georgia, lived about thirty years in Wilkes County Ga. and about ten in Morgan County Ga. – about the year 1820 I removed to this State and have since lived in Autauga County, Alabama.

Int. 4. How were you called into service – were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute – and if a substitute for whom?

I enlisted as stated in my former declaration.

Int. 5. State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served – such Continental and Militia Regiment as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.

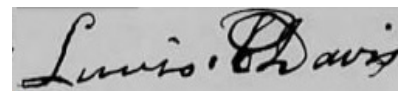
I can only state such as I have before recited.

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

I received a regular discharge, given me by Allison, I think John Allison, who was one of my Colonels. the discharge, with all my other papers, together with my horse &c. were stolen from me a short time afterward and never recovered.

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

Eli Terry Clergyman – James H. Gorman, Enoch Eilands, and Timothy R Dunnaway

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

NOTE: This file includes correspondence relating to James Frost (pension application R3815), apparently misfiled.