

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Davis S8285

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved the 15th day of May 1828 I Samuel Davis of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the space of nine months, during the whole period of which time I faithfully performed the duty of a soldier; during which time I was a private in Capt. Richard Masell's Company in the sixth Regiment North Carolina line.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March on the pension list of the United States.

S/ Samuel Davis, X his mark

Sworn to before me

S/ C. A. Hatch, JP

[Amos Amyette and Lemuel Burick gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of the applicant in his neighborhood as having served as a soldier of the revolution. There affidavit is dated Jany. 26, 1831.]

State of North Carolina Jones County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions June Term A.D. 1833

Personally appeared in open Court this 10th day of June A.D. 1833 before the Honorable the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Jones County, now sitting Samuel Davis, a resident of said County & State aged 74 years the fifth March next, who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June seventh 1832.

Samuel Davis entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Col. James Hogun. He was living at this time in Northampton County in this State & does not recollect the year. He was aged about nineteen. I first joined at the Court House in North Hampton County under Richard Morson Capt. Under him we marched to Petersburg in Virginia. Before arriving there, however, we passed through Halifax in this State where we remained three months but on our arrival at Petersburg the time we had spent at Halifax was not permitted to be counted & we serve nine months from the time we joined Col. James Hogun at Petersburg. Thinks it was the sixth Regiment that he belonged to. We marched from Petersburg to Richmond, thence to Baltimore then to Philadelphia, next to the North River at a place called Tarry Town we crossed the said River about 15 miles above New York, This was about five days after the battle of Monmouth.¹ We went up the North River to West Point having recrossed the River. Here we stayed until Christmas at work on Fort Putnam. Then we came back to Philadelphia & took up

¹ June 28, 1778. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/780628.htm>

our winter quarters there. Here we stayed until March & then we returned home. On this service we were gone twelve months. Richard Mason was our Capt. until we reached West Point when he left us and went to join Washington's Army. Edward Yarber [sic, Edward Yarborough], took the command of our company at West Point & marched us to Philadelphia. William Wilkinson² was our Lieut. & Reddin Blount [Sic, Reading Blount] was our Major -- & Bradley was the Col. after Hogun had been promoted to a generalship. We came home from Philadelphia in small vessels & when arrived in North Hampton we were discharged by Major Hogg in the month of April making one year from the time of our enlistment. Thinks the discharge has been burnt as the house in which it was, was burnt. About two years after this, this applicant took the place of Seth Thigpen for three months in Pitt County where he had moved. Joshua Davis was Capt. under whom he served. Traverse Thigpen [sic, Travis Thigpen?] was the Lieut. & cousin to the man whose place I took. We went to the Pedee [River] in this State & were stationed there at the time of Gates defeat³ we were within hearing of the firing on that occasion; -- but had no orders to join in the battle. After this three months we were discharged by Lieut. Thigpen our Capt. having previously left the Company, having resigned & returned home.

This applicant served fifteen months in all.

He has no documentary evidence to substantiate his claims nor does he know of any person living whose testimony he can obtain to establish the facts here set forth except one John Corbit⁴ whose affidavit is here with enclosed & who resides in Onslow County. He the said Samuel Davis hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above written.

Test: S/ James Taylor

S/ Samuel Davis, X his mark

[Frances Duval, a minister of the gospel, Nathan Foscoe & Hardy Bryan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Q. 1. Ans: In North Hampton [sic, Northampton] County in this State in 1758

Q. 2. -- I have none.

Q. 3 -- When called into service was living in North Hampton County -- the second time in Pitt & now living in Jones County

Q. 4. -- I volunteered the first time & was a substitute the second.

Q. 5. -- I knew Reddin Blount, S. Bradley & Edward Yarborough, Lieut. William Wilkinson thinks our Regiment was North Carolina -- & begs to refer to his declaration for the places through which he marched.

Q. 6. -- I received a discharge from Major Hogg North Hampton County -- & it was burnt.

Q. 7. -- Edward Davis, John Sarvis, Major Hezekiah Huff & Joseph Johnson

The above all the answers of Samuel Davis to the interrogatories put by the War Department.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above said.

S/ Samuel Davis, X his mark

State of North Carolina Onslow County: This may Certify that I John Corbit Senior came before me Thomas Fay one of the Justices of the Peace of the said County & State and maketh oath that he has been well acquainted with Samuel Davis a citizen of Jones County NC for fifty years and his enlistment in the Revolutionary War under Capt. Richard Morson in the said War and furthermore the deponent saith not.

² Possibly a mistaken reference to Reuben Wilkinson (Wilkerson).

³ August 15-16, 1780.

⁴ Sic, John Corbett and W9806FPA

Signed & sealed in the presence of
S/ Thos. Fay, JP
August 7th 1832

S/ John Corbit, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary of State of TS office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Samuel Davis a private in "Lt. Col.'s" Company enlisted on the 20th of July 1778 for nine months, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this fourth of November 1833

S/ Wm Hil