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Pension Application of Burwell Davis S8286

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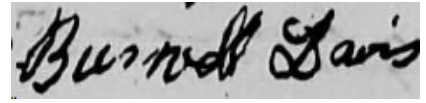
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State of North Carolina } August County Court of Pleas and quarter sessions  
Warren County }

On this 29<sup>th</sup> August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of said Court, now sitting it being a Court of Record, Burwell Davis, of the County of Warren aforesaid 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 act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 to wit, That he was born in the County of Bute [formed from Granville in 1764], now the County of Warren N. Carolina near the place he now occupies – where he has always lived and still lives. That by a reference to the Register of his age now in his possession he was born 14<sup>th</sup> August 1756 – that he was drafted as a militia man for six months in the fall of the year 1778 and marched under the command of Capt. Britain Harris [Britton Harris] and joined the Regiment of militia under Col. Thomas Eaton and Gen'l. [John] Ashe at Bute old Court House. Thence we were marched to Kingston [sic: Kinston] on Neuse River thence thro' the lower counties of N. C. and crossed Great Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] near Georgetown in So. Carolina. Thence we marched towards Charleston S. C. crossing the Santee River at Monk's [sic: Moncks] Corner – thence to within six miles of Charleston where we were stationed six or eight days – thence we marched to a place in S. C. called the white House in the direction of Savannah which was then in possession of the British. This was in the month of January 1779. From thence we marched upon the Savannah River on the north side, to the Town of Augusta in Georgia, were we crossed and entered the town of Augusta. Col. [Archibald] Campbell with the British forces had just left there [14 Feb 1779]. we pursued them down the River to Briar Creek and remained there several days, and on the 3<sup>d</sup> of March 1779 after the middle of the day, we were attacked by the British [Battle of Briar Creek], not having had any previous intimation of their approach. after an Engagement for a short time the No. Carolina Regiment fled. He understands some Regulars under he thinks, one Col. Elbert [Samuel Elbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Battalion] continued the engagement until taken prisoners. after the militia fled we were reassembled in a few days and were employed and stationed at a place called Black Swamp this side of Savannah River [in Jasper County SC] where we remained till sometime in May when we were marched in the direction of Cross Creek, near Fayetteville N. C. when we reached there having performed my six months tour I received a discharge signed by one Maj'r. [Thomas] Scurlock of Halifax N. C. which discharge I had untill a few years past but is now lost or destroyed so that it cannot be produced. I reached Home in May 1779. Some short time before the Battle of Guilford in March 1781 [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] he was drafted again for three months. His company had the option of furnishing a Horse & serving two months instead of the three months. I furnished a Horse and was marched under the command of Capt. Thos. Alston [Thomas Alston] of Warren and Col. Malmadee [sic: Marquis Francis de Malmedy] a Frenchman to Col. Charles Eaton's in Granville where we stayed three or four days. Thence we crossed Neuse River at the Falls and marched thro' Chatham County to within a few miles of Guilford Court House and was sufficiently near during this engagement to hear the firing &c – a few days after this engagement we joined the forces under Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at the Iron Works – the name of which he does not recollect [Troublesome Iron Works] – and were there dismounted and our horses sent home and were marched with the army under Gen'l. Green to Ramsey's Mills [in Chatham County] on Deep River. after a stay of about a week we were marched to Camden S. Carolina – after two or three days at this station my two months service expired and I was discharged and came home. My discharge has been lost or destroyed and cannot now be produced. before I reached home I heard of an engagement between Gen'l. Green's forces and the Enemy at Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781].

This affiant relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state. He has no documentary evidence of his

services aforesaid and is able to produce no person by whose personal knowledge he can establish the same. The only proof in his power is the affidavit [by Rev. Henry Fitts and Peter R. Davis] which is hereunto annexed.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Bernard Davis".