

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Davis W2438      Rebecca Davis      VA PA  
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State of Ohio Warren County Court of Common Pleas of the Term of September Eighteen hundred and thirty three

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common pleas within and for the County of Warren and State of Ohio now sitting, Richard Davis Senior, a resident of Turtle Creek township in the aforesaid County, aged Eighty six years and upward, 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> of June 1832: That in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy six being then a resident of Fayette County and State of Pennsylvania [until 1782 claimed by Virginia, either Monongalia or Yohogania County], in the fall of the year last aforesaid, he entered the service by volunteering in the militia under one Captain Thomas Gaddis [pension application S4292] for the purpose of guarding the frontier of Western Pennsylvania, and served as a private soldier under said Captain Gaddis in the aforesaid service for the full period of three months; that he volunteered under said Gaddis in Uniontown in said County & State. Said Company was not attached to any regiment, nor engaged in any battle during the period of service afs'd. although constantly engaged in scouring the country after Indians for about one half of the three months I was engaged in the service, I was with said Company] stationed at the mouth of Viginia Short Creek [possibly Vanmeter Fort near present Clinton in Ohio County WV], and then was removed to Beech Bottom below the mouth of Buffalo Creek and there built a garrison and there served out the remainder of the time for which I volunteered, and was there dismissed from the service, and received a written discharge which I have long since lost. Phillip Lewallen [Phillip Llewellyn?] was the luetenant of said Company. I can prove my service by one Thomas Vinard [sic: Thomas Venard S16282] who served with me in said company. Deponent cannot from age and the consequent loss of memory state the month or day thereof, of his entering the service aforesaid or discharge therefrom with more particularity than he has above done. Deponent, either on Christmas or within two or three days, of the year afs'd Viz again entered the service, by enlisting under one Captain Robert Bell [sic: Robert Beall BLWt431-300] on Jacob's Creek in Fayette County aforesaid. Said Captain Bell belonged to the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of which John Gibson was lieutenant Colonel, and of which Regiment, William Crawford (who was afterward burnt by the Indians it was said [6 Jun 1782]) was the Colonel, but who never served in said Regement, Captain Bells Company was marched to Pittsburgh and there joined the regiment. after said company joined the regement at Pittsburgh one Captain Coby Sullivan [Cope Sullivan] was permitted to select men from said Regement, in sufficient number to form a company, for the purpose of guarding the frontier, and deponent was one of the soldiers selected by said Sullivan, and was marched by said Captain Sullivan to below the mouth of big Beaver Creek where I assisted in the building of Fort McIntosh [at present Beaver PA, begun Sep 1778], from thence I was marched under Uriah Springer [R10017] (who was Captain of said Company in lieu of Capt. Sullivan who had then resigned) to the Tuscarrawas [sic: Tuscarawas River], where we built a garrison, called fort Lawrence [sic: Fort Laurens near present Bolivar OH, begun 10 Nov 1778], from thence I went to Pittsburgh where I was discharged by Col. Gibson, having served two years and more. The date of my discharge was on the first of Apl 1779 as well as I can now recollect, but which discharge I have long since lost, and am unable to state the date thereof with certainty. I was not engaged in any battle during the period of my last service, nor do I recollect any field officers except those above named. In both periods of my service I was but a common soldier. Deponent can prove his last mentioned service by his brother Rememberance William Davis who is resident of the County of Warren aforesaid

This applicant was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1747 at or near big Seneca in the State of Maryland near where

Washington City now is. He has no record of his age, but state the time & place of his birth from tradition. He was living in Fayette County in Pennsylvania when he entered the service and continued to live until he removed to the County of Warren and State of Ohio in the year 1816[?] where he has ever since resided. He first entered the service by volunteering & secondly by [illegible word] as above stated. He further states that he can prove his service under Captain Gaddis by Thomas Vinard who is resident in the County of Warren and by both said Vinard & Remembrance W Davis. that he is reputed to have been a soldier of the revolution & a man of veracity. 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.

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NOTES:

A payroll (<http://revwarapps.org/b117.pdf>) shows that Richard Davis was in Thomas Gaddis's company at Fort Liberty 2 mi S of present Uniontown PA between 9 Sep and 19 Nov 1776.

The file includes a copy of a certificate dated 1 April 1784 showing that Pennsylvania paid Richard Davis £1.4.6 for his services in the Washington County Militia.

Remembrance W. Davis, 74, stated that he was the brother of Richard Davis and remembered that he was away from home for nearly three years except for furloughs.

On 26 July 1853 Rebecca Davis, 79, of Hamilton County OH, applied for a pension stating that as Rebecca Jones she married Richard Davis in Warren County in Oct 1815, and he died in the same county on 21 April 1847. James Jones of Warren County stated that he had been present at the marriage of Richard and Rebecca Davis. A document in the file states that the marriage occurred on 29 Oct 1815.