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Pension application of William Davis ¹ W284

Mary Davis

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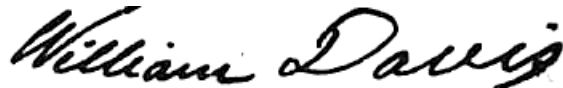
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State of Virginia, Logan County to wit:

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Logan County, William Davis; a citizen now living on the line of this County on the Kentucky side of said line but nearest to the Courthouse of Logan; aged Eighty five years, who being 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 on the 7th of June 1832, that he enlisted into the Army of the United States about the commencement of the War of our Revolution and previous to the landing of Gen. Gage at Boston; He served in the Company of Capt. Maddison [Madison?] in the 9th Virginia Regiment which was then Commanded by Col. Davis; He joined the main Army Commanded by Gen'l. Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and Morgan [Daniel Morgan] at Chesterfield Courthouse in Va. and marched to Petersburg shortly after Capt. Maddison was dismissed & a Capt. Fields appointed to command the Company; in whose Company he continued during the period of his enlistment which was for three years; & was discharged at Winchester Va., shortly after he was drafted for 18 months and served in the Va. Regt. Commanded by Col. Gaskins [Thomas Gaskins] and under Command of Gen'l. Morgan was with the Army at the skirmish in the Piscataway Swamps and at the battle of Bunker Hill; after his term of service expired for 18 months, He again enlisted under Col. Gaskins; The Captain's name forgotten, and continued with the Army till the fortunate conclusion of the War at the siege of York; Where he served as he believes under Gen'l. Wayne; but being very frail his memory may have deceived him. He never received any pension; Nor has he yet received his Land Bounty. Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Davis



At a County Court held for Logan County at the Courthouse on the 17 September 1832. William Davis this day made his declaration in order to obtain the provision of an act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 providing for soldiers of the revolution which was duly sworn to and subscribed in open Court. And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion

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that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier as he states which is ordered to be Certified agreeably to said act of Congress.

Test:

S/ Edw. Robertson, Clk.

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State of Virginia, County of Logan

On this 21 day of June A.D.1853 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Mary Davis a resident of the said County of Logan aged 60 years and personally well known to me, who being duly sworn according to law & declared that she is the widow of William Davis deceased who was a private soldier in the Company Commanded by Captain Lamb ___, in the ___ Regiment of Regulars Commanded by ___, in the Revolutionary War. That her said husband was drafted or enlisted on or about the ___ day of ___ A.D.177_ for the term of ___ and continued in actual service in said war for the term of ___ and was honorably discharged at ___ on the ___ day of ___ 177_ She further states that she was married to the said William Davis in the County of Floyd State of Kentucky on the 25th day of March 1819 by me Reuben Giddens a Justice of the Peace and that her name before her said marriage was Mary Taylor and her said husband died in the said County of Logan on the 23rd day of May 1842. That she has remained a widow ever since, and is still a widow. She has never before made application for a pension. But the said William Davis was a pensioner in his lifetime for several years before his death. She thinks he drew \$80 a year. She makes this declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 3rd of February 1853 allowing pensions etc., and for further evidence in her behalf she refers to the Muster Rolls of the Company in which her said husband served and to the papers on file at the Department that were filed by him when he drew his pension, among which his original Certificate of discharge may (perhaps) be found. The Certificate of pension granted to her said husband was dated the 23rd of May 1833 at the War Department.

S/ Mary Davis

[p 18: Copy of a marriage license dated February 11, 1819 issued for the marriage of William Davis and Mary Taylor – issued in Floyd County Kentucky.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Logan County Legislative Petitions

The Memorial of William Davis to his Excellency the Governor (and Council of State for the Commonwealth of Virginia) respectfully Sheweth to your Excellency and Council that your memorialist enlisted at a place called the Blue Springs in Botetourt County and Joined the Company commanded by Captain Maddison at Botetourt C. H. [Court House] Virginia from whence he was marched to Chesterfield C. H. (and thence placed in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis) and served in the Company commanded by Captain Fields; from [several indecipherable words] a Valley Forge, near Philadelphia, in the Spring

following returned by Baltimore, thence to Culpeper C. H. Virginia; thence to Albemarle Barracks, and from thence to Goochland C. H. and continued with the Army until the end of service of three years, when he was discharged at Petersburg. Your memorialist then returned to Botetourt County and finding the people much excited in favor of our independence he Volunteered his Service in the Virginia militia, and was marched to Portsmouth company commanded by Captain [indecipherable surname]² or Earls; received his discharge at the end of three months in consequence of his brother James Davis taking his place in the Army.

Shortly after your memorialist again enlisted under Captain Lamb, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gascajnec [?]³ was marched to South Carolina in pursuit of Tarleton's [benefit of Tarleton] Army under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan]: under whom he fought at the battle of James Town [July 6, 1781] was stationed some time at Williamsburg until he was marched to the siege of Yorktown & after the Surrender of General Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He received a discharge Signed by Captain Lamb, "by order of General George Washington" Serving his Country in all upwards of six years or nearly all the War: and for which service your memorialist was poorly paid; he brought home with him about 1500 Dollars of paper money which the State authorities of Virginia had promised to pay: but never have drawn [?]⁴ it a part of which he still has by him, and which he is told will not now be paid; – Your Memorialist Humbly prays that your Excellency and Council will please to grant him an order for such Land Warrant as he is entitled to; for the bounty promised to him at his several enlistment; and he will as in duty bound ever pray &c &c. He has received a Warrant from the War Office of the United States for a pension under the Act of 1832 for a pension of \$80 per annum, a copy of which is here with annexed, Subscribed to me: & sworn to before me a Justice of the Peace for the County of Logan on the 25th day of June 1833.


S/ Joseph Stratton, JP

S/ William Davis, X his mark

I Anthony Lawson of the County of Logan & State of Virginia Do hereby Certify that at the request of the above mentioned William Davis some time ago I forded to the office of the Secretary of the U S the affidavit of Archibald Panter [?]⁵ (now dead) proving the Services of said Davis as a revolutionary Soldier, during the greater part of the War of our revolution in which he himself also engaged; I have also examined the Militia Roles of Virginia now filed in the office of the 1st Auditor of Virginia and that the name of William Davis is found they are.

S/ Anthony Lawson

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²  Crowley? or Crowley? or Cronaly?

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[Reverse]

Mr. Davis Soldier

Reg. 10 July 1833

Allowed

J. F. [John Floyd]

1833 December 2 allowed Soldr.

3yrs