Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Davis W4935 Elizabeth Davis VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 18 June 2019.

State of Kentucky } Sct.

Clarke [sic: Clark] County } [27 April 1818]

Thomas Davis states that in the fall of the year 1779 he enlisted as a privat soldier in Capt Thomas Youngs [Thomas Young S11921] company in what he thinks was called the Virginia State Regiment and the Western batalion of the Reg't [Western Battalion of Joseph Crockett S46377, Virginia State Forces] and he served from that time untill the end of two years when he was Honourably discharged, which discharge was signed by Lieut. Colo Joseph Crockett commander of the Reg't on the 21st day of December 1781 at the falls of Ohio [present Louisville], in the present State of Kentucky. That upon being thus discharged He went to Stanton [sic: Staunton] in the State of Virginia, where he again enlisted in January 1782 under Cornet Gilland in Capt Shepw[page torn] Camp of Horse, the whole was command by Gen'l. Armand [Charles Armand BLWt2291-850], and was called he thinks Armands Corps an independent Legion, that the enlistment was for three years or during the war, and on continental establishment and that he served untill the end of the war, when in November 1783 he was honorably discharged. That some time after the last enlistment he was transfered to a company of rangers commaned by Capt DeHetritchs, when he served as a corporal.

That in may 1792 he again enlisted in Union Town Pensylvania [Uniontown PA] for three years with Capt. U. Springer [Uriah Springer R10017] and served under Gen'l. Waine [sic: Anthony Wayne] against the Indians. that when he marched under the last inlistment to Pitsburg [sic: Pittsburgh] he left his two discharges afs'd with what other papers he had in the possession of his wife. That in the fall winter 1792 or spring 1793 his wife removed to the state of Kentucky that in desending the river Monongahaly [sic: Monongahela] the boat in which she was sunk by accident, and the whole of his property was lost and with it his discharges afs'd as he was informed by his wife and as he believes – That he has been a citizen of the United States ever since and is at present a resident of the State of Kentucky – That he is in reduced circumstances, and that he is in real need of assistance from his Country for his support, and that if this is refused he must depend upon individual charity for his subsistance

He makes his explination of of the foregoing statement. That the discharge which was given him by Colo. Crockett as afs'd was given to Capt John Kerney [R15613] who purchased of him his arrearages of pay and clothing; that when he gave up the original he was furnished by s'd Kerney with a copy which is the one lost as above stated, what was done with the original by s'd Kerney he knows not

[The following is from a document found in the Revolutionary rosters of Virginia, jacket 341: https://www.fold3.com/image/246/9946733. On the same date Davis received from Thomas Young a payroll listing Thomas Davis, a transcription of which is at http://revwarapps.org/b236.pdf.] This is to Certify that s'd Thomas Davis Inlisted under me the Sixteenth day of October one thousand seven Hundred & seventy Nine, & served as a Sergent till the Twenty first of Dec'r. 1781 and that he was Honerable Discharged by Colo. Joseph Crockett & that he was intitled to all the Emoluments Due the Virginia State line Witness my hand this 9 day of May 1818 Mo Moung

Thos Young Capt./ the W.B.

Burbon [sic: Bourbon] County State of Kentucky

The State of Ohio } Ss Court of Common Pleas of the term of September in the year of Our Greene County } Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty One;

On this twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one, personally appeared in open Court, Before the Court of Common pleas, for the County of Greene aforesaid, (being a Court of Record for the said County, having Jurisdiction of common law, unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of their proceedings, and which has the power of fine and Imprisonment) Thomas Davis the 2^d aged Sixty five years last January, a resident of Bath Township in the County of Greene aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary War as follows towit "Served as a private in the Company Commanded by Captain Thomas Young, Western battalion in the Regiment Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Crocket, in the service of the united states, and that I am the same Thomas Davis who made his original declaration, in the County Court of Clarke County in the State of Kentucky on the 27th day of April 1818, which is on file in the office of the War department, in pursuance of which I have been inscribed on the pension list Roll of the Kentucky agency at the rate of eight dollars per month, for which I hold a Certificate dated the 5th day of March 1819 and numbered 7258. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

One Cow & Calf bought with the first pension I drew	\$14.00	
One ten gallon kittle one Gallon pot 2 small dutch ovens	7.50	
One pot trammil one pair smoothing Irons 2 pr. pot hooks	3.662/3	
One Seive one old axe 1 old hoe 1 old table 1 old skillet}		
one looking glass (broken) one old chest 5 old Chairs }	$7.87\frac{1}{2}$	
One small beureau One hammer One set knives & forks	$6.37\frac{1}{2}$	
One Shovel three table spoons & one set Cups & saucers	3.00	
One pewter dish one pewter plate & one doz. earthen plates	$2.68\frac{3}{4}$	
One tea pot One tin Coffee pot & one old tin pepper box	$1.31\frac{1}{4}$	
One Small Vinager cruet one pint Bottle one earthen dish	.683/4	
One Cream Jug 2 tea Canisters & one sugar box	1.561/4	
One Salt cellar one meat tub One old spinning wheel	1.50	
One Old Reel one washing tub 4 milk crocks & 2 bowls	$2.37\frac{1}{2}$	
One Iron Spoon One small Jug one bottle & Old Churn	$.87\frac{1}{2}$	
Two flour barrels One tin bucket & one old leaky ditto	2.00	
Three half pint tumblers & one old sugar dish	.561/4	
One brush One Razer Razer strap and case	.87½	
	\$56.851/3/	Thomas Davis 2 ^d

I was aged Sixty four years last January. I am a Cripple in the right hand debilitated in body both by rheumatizm and Sealic pains at times

My wife Elizabeth Davis is aged fifty seven years & much debilitated and not able to work.

I have two Children living with me, (towit) John Davis my son aged thirty six years, a Cripple in the left arm, and void of mother wit, not able to help his parents, but a trouble and expence to them. And Nancy Davis a Daughter aged sixteen years whose occupation is housewifery.

I served five years in the Revolutionary War, and three years since under Gen'l Anthony Wayne. I make no use of ardent Spirits my expences for the necessaries of life for myself and family since the suspension of my Pension [per act of 1820] has amount'd to Ninety Eight dollars forty three and three fourth cents which I now owe to my Creditors.

Thomas Davis 2^d

State of Ohio SS } December seventeenth 1828 County of Green }

I, Thomas Davis 2nd of Colo Armand's Corps aged Seventy one years, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two January I enlisted for the term of "during the war," and served in the regiment No. independent Corps under the command of Colonel Armand a french officer of the independent line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid untill the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the said Corps or regiment, commanded by Colonel Armand

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States: nor have I ever assigned or transfered my claim in any manner whatsoever: therefore,

with this remark that in 1784 A certain Alexander Dabney got my Discharge & I never see him Again [power of attorney to Robert Taylor of the Washington Bounty Land Office follows]

Xinia [sic: Xenia] January 6th 1829

Received a military warrant No. 1453 for one hundred acres of land, to be located agreeable to an act of Congress of April 1806 on any unlocated parts of the fifty quarter townships, and the fractional quarter townships reserved by law for original holders of military warrants, which warrant bears date the 27th Dec'r. 1828 for servises rendered the United States during the revolutionary war as a private in Armands Corps.

Thomas Davis 2nd of Colo Armand's Corps

Mr. Robert Taylor of washington City

With hum'l. thanks I send you my receipt for your friendly deed for me your hum'l & obedient Ser't. Thomas Davis 2nd An old revolutionary pensioner

State of Ohio } ss Madison County }

On this 6th day of January 1847 personally appeared before me Thomas Jones an associate judge of the Curt of Common Pleas for said County Elizabeth Davis late Elizabeth Fritz aged over 80 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and the subsequent Acts of Congress providing half pay and Pensions for certain Widows of the Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War That she is the Widow of Thomas Davis deceased who departed this Life February 2^d 1842 who was a Resident of this County and a Revolutionary Pensioner She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Davis on the 15th April 1780 according to her reckoning by the Rev Andrew Tribble she further saith that her Father Michael Fritz at the time of their marriage resided in Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia he was unwilling that they should marry they eloped went off some 25 or 30 miles but what direction from her Father's Residence she does not now know to the Residence of a man whose name was Kaufman She tarried there whilst the said Davis went off (where to she has forgotten) and returned with marriage license which he showed to her observing that he gave a silver Dollar for it And that it was her Death Warrant After the Ceremony was performed the Parson wrote and signed a marriage Certificate she kept it together with her Husband's papers till they perished by the Boat sinking in which she was removing from Pennsylvania to Kentucky whilst descending the Monongahila River her Husband then being gone to the Indian War She further saith that after she and her Husband had four Children he enlited under Capt Uriah Springer to serve in the Indian War (she thinks Wayne's Army) A few days after after his enlistment she went to Capt Springer and asked him to let her Husband off stating to him that she was not able to support the little Children without the help of their Father He refused to do so saying he would not give him for Ten Men and that he was the very man he wanted or words to that effect After an Absence of 3 years and 1 month the said Davis returned home and continued to live affectionately with her till his Death She further saith that she by A Friend has caused diligent enquiry to be made in the Clerks offices of Hagerstown and Fredericktown Maryland and

Winchester and Martinsburg Virginia for Record proof of their marriage but none was obtained she further saith that the said Davis had A Book (the subject matter of which was Christian Baptism) which he converted into A Family Record in which he had made entries of their marriage the ages of their Children and other facts so the said Davis told her She saw the writings in the Book but could not Read them she says that the above mentioned Book is loaned lost or mislaid it has not been found after diligently searching for it

Elizabeth herXmark Davis

[The following are from <u>rejected claims in the Library of Virginia</u> in two files. One file includes papers pertaining to William Davis VAS3310.]

Parris [sic: Paris] Bourbon County Kentucky

I do hereby certify that Thomas Davis inlisted in my Company in October 1779 in Dumfries Prince Wm. [Prince William] County Virginia & served in s'd Company as ser't during the time of his inlistment & was honrably Discharged on the 25 day of Decm'r 1781

Falls of Ohio

Thos. Young Captain the Western Battalion

Gentlemen

[one line illegible] [several undeciphered lines] 1780

Bourbon Cty Ky

Sct This day came the above named Capt. Thomas Young before the subscriber, one of the justices of peace for said County, and on oath declared that the statement made in the above certificate is correct and true.

Given under my hand this 9th day of November 1818. Val. Peirs

[The file contains a petition that is largely illegible except for the last part, transcribed as follows:] And he now being [one or two undeciphered words] state of indiana Does most humbly petition the right honorable Land Department for his Emolument & will be in Duty Bounty & shall pray

[?] Ky The above statement of Thomas

Davis was this day sworn to be correct and true by the said Davis, before the subscriber one of the justices of peace for said county, and now from under my hand this 9th day of November 1818.

[undeciphered signature]

Thos. Davis Serjt in Capt Thos Young's Comp'y W. B. falls of Ohio honorably Discharg'd 1781

your very humble petitioner Thomas Davis Serj

[page torn here and at * below] Bounty Land

[*] Revolutionary services – individual Application

[*] Ohio } ss I Thomas Davis an old revolutionary Serjt Aged seventy one years of the virginia [*] of Green } state line of Capt. Thos Youngs Comp'y of the western Battalion Lt Colo Joseph Crockett's regiment Commanded General George Rogers Clark [VAS269] who took the Opost 1780 [sic: 25 Feb 1779 at Vincennes IN] I our hum'l serv't Takes this method of informing the right honorable Executive Council in Richmond virginia that I have never received the Emolument promised to me on the part of the virginia State & the words specified on the back of my honorable Discharge in Lt Colo Joseph Crocketts own hand Writing was thus & he shall be Entitled to all the Emoluments allowed the Soldierry of Virginia I your hum'l serv't send herein Enclosed my own Capt. Thos Young voucher & my own afedavit done at paris in the state of Kentucky in the year of our Lord 1818 my being of that agency when I became A U. States pensioner since that i have been transfered to the state of Ohio Gentlemen Sirs Can see by my Voucher's and the record or records of the state of virginia that I a Entitled to a Land Warrant please Enclose the same in A Letter & send it to the Care of George Townsley Esq'r post

master in Xenia Ohio from whence can get it safe & I your hum'l serv't in Duty Bound shall pray Thos. Davis 2^{nd} U.S. pensioner

I sent one to Congress by Mr David Trimble & they sent it to me your hum'l serv't with Directions where I must send for my warrant

The claimant by his own [undeciphered] was serg't from Oct '79 to Dec '81 which does not entitle to Bounty He sometime afterwards entered Armand's Corps in which he [several undeciphered words] he became Corporal Corp'l Thos Davis of Armand's corps has rec'd Land bounty [see endnote]

Claim rejected/Wyn Robertson [Gov. Wyndham Robertson]

1831 June 28 Rejected

State of Ohio } ss Greene County }

Personally appeared, before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid, Thomas Davis, who being duly sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that he believes from information from his parents, that he will be seventy nine years of age, if spared, on the 5th day of January next; That in the month of October, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine, he enlisted in the town of Dumfries, in Prince William county state of Virginia as a Private in the Virginia State line, in Captain Thomas Youngs company, and served in the war of the Revolution in said company, in Col. Joseph Crocketts Regiment, under General George Rogers Clark, and continued in service, after being promoted to a Sergeant, untill about the 21st day of December 1781, when he was honourably discharged; that he sold a balance of pay that was due him to Capt. John Harney [sic], and delivered him his said discharge to enable him to draw his pay, and the discharge was never restored to him. He further states that bounty land was promised him for the above services, and that he has never received the same, nor applied for it before this time.

The said deponent further saith, that early in the month of January in the year 1782, he again enlisted for the War, as a private in Armands Corp, and served in Capt. De Metels[?] company in the Virginia Continental line, as a Private of Infantry, in said Corps untill the close of the war, and was honourably discharged on York town Commons, about twenty three miles from Lancaster Pennsylvania on or about the 23^d day of November 1783.

Said deponent further saith that in consideration of his services in the Revolutionary War, he was in the year 1818 allowed a Pension from the United States which he has continued to receive untill the present time; and also that a few years since he obtained from the United States a land warrant for his said services for 100 acres; and that the necessary documents which enabled him to obtain his pension and warrant aforesaid were sent to the proper Department at Washington city, and he presumes they are still there on file: and he he further states that he has never received any land warrant from the state of Virginia for his services in the Continental line.

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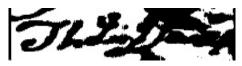
Sworn and subscribed before me this 29th day of July 1835. John Barnes

I your hum'l serv't 4th[?] have served my Country Eight years 5 years in the old revolutionary Conflict and living 90 year [undeciphered]. I Thos Davis Enlisted with Capt'n Uriah Springer Gen'l Anthony Wayne in 3^d sub Legion Rifleman & served from the 23^d day of 1792 Untill the 3^d day of may 1795 as serj't in s'd Capt's Comp'y and was honorably discharged at Greenvill [sic: Greenville] in the Wilderness now Called the Ohio State.

please to Excuse my blundering way of Writing for after the 5th Day of next January s'd Thos Davis shall be in my Eightieth year should the Ever Blessed Lord spare me that long

I will also make one more mark as I lived 16 years in the state of Kentucky. I saw at a time in the town of paris burbon County our adjutant & he informed me that the office in Richmond was burnt down

& that he thought it would be a long while before I could obtain my Land warrant which I never have had to this day & Declare unto you Gentlemen of the Right honorable Councill of virginia Executive



Bath Township Green county & state of Ohio September 30th 1835

The right honorable Execitive Councill of the state Virginia in Richmond – I Thos Davis by Name your obidient humble serv't haveing understood that there are a great number of Thos Davis's I will therefore give the honrble Councill full satisfaction as Clear as my memory serves as though I Enlisted yesterday as I Thos. Davis traveled I Entered into a small town in old virginia Call'd by the name of Dumfries prince William County where I did Enlist with Capt. Thomas Young on the 9th day of October in the year of our Blessed Lord 1779 & served under him & Lt. Glenn [possibly Bernard Glenn R14477] & Ensign Green of our Company as a Serjeant of s'd Company & When the time that the Comp'y & the regiment came together it was Call'd A virginia state regiment and western Battalion my field Officers Major George Wale [sic: George Walls R18785] Colo'n Joseph Crockett & General George Roger Clark who took the Opost in 17[illegible] by Stratigem was our Commander in Chieff to the westward but all under our Noble General George Washington And when we started from the falls of Ohio and traveled through the wilderness & got into the settelment again I Thos. Davis perused my Discharg & found thereon the back that I was not only honorble discharged but there was [undeciphered word] on the back [illegible] months & 21 days serj'ts pay Coming to me & under that & he s'd serj't Davis shall be Entitled to all the Emoluments allowed the Soldiery of Virginia

I then went on as far as Stauntown virginia & Enlisted for the war with Cornett Gittling in the Horse service of Colo Armand's Corps and Continued therin untill Honorably discharged on little York town Common 23 miles this side old Lancaster on the 23^d day of november in year of our Blessed Lord 1783 where we did rejoice & illuminated for the laurel gain'd which same I Thos. Davis serj't am Willing to affirm to on my Dying bed is being transferd out of the horse of Colo'n Armands Corps as a Corporal into Capt De sectrifs[?] Comp'y till the [undeciphered word]

And furter I have a heart felt desire of informing the Right Honorable Executive Councill of virginia the truth the whole truth and nothing Else but the truth there was no Other Thos. Davis in all our western Battallion me only but Capt Thos Young Enlisted into our Comp'y A certain Jesse Davis [S12735] A while after me in Dumfries town also in our regiment then marched to Albemarle barrecks [Albemarle Barracks 4 mi NNE of Charlottesville VA] and assisted Colo'n Taylors regiment in guarding Burgoyns prisioners [Francis Taylor, commandant of the Regiment of Guards over prisoners captured at the surrnder of Burgoyne at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777] awhile and from thence our Call was to the Western waters where the Gen'l had flat bottom'd Boats built & small Craft for the reception of the troops & his own Barge and when he had gotten A number of volunteers or malitia together we saild for the falls of ohio with our regiment & Continued there Scouting and Doing Duty on the Frontiers untill our times Were out We were honorably Discharged on the 21st day of December in the year of our Blessed Lord 1781

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 21st day of Novem'r 1783, in the name of Thomas Davis as a Sergeant of Infantry for £47.6.10, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 1st day of October 1835.

Note - the name of Thos [rest missing]

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

State of Ohio } ss. Greene County }

On the First day of October in the year of our Lord 1835 Thomas Davis of said county appeared before the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in and for said county and state aforesaid, and being duly sworn, deposeth and saith.

That a short time ago, in the month of August last, he made out and subscribed a declaration under oath, and employed Mr James Galloway jr of Xenia Ohio, to forward his application to the Governor and Council of the state of Virginia, for bounty land to which he believes himself entitled for his services in the Virginia Continental line, during the Revolutionary war, which application he understands has been rejected, on the grounds that a Thomas Davis has already received land bounty as a Corporal but this deponent on his solemn oath declares that he never has received any land bounty from the State of Virginia, nor has he ever authorized or empowered any other person to apply for, or receive such bounty, prior to the application above mentioned, and that it must be some other Thomas Davis, and not this deponent who has received Land bounty. He further states that he has served in the manner stated in his former declaration, and has received a land warrant for 100 acres of the United States and is allowed a pension of \$96.00 a year from the United States for his said services.

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[The above is followed by statements that Thomas Davis had the reputation of an honest person and a soldier of the revolution.]

John G. Mosby Esq Xenia Oct'r 2^d 1835

Dear Sir [three undeciphered words] Thomas Davis renews his application to the Executive of Virg'a for his bounty land, as you will see by the preceding affidavits and certificates which he has again presented. He has also with a trembling hand, palsied by 80 winters drawn up an application entirely his own, unassisted by any one, which he [undeciphered word] also to be presented with the above documents. He something of a [undeciphered word] curiosity, and shews an eccentricity of mind that is at once amusing and interesting. I have no doubt of the truth of all he has stated, nor does any who knows him have any doubts of it.

You will lose no time in informing [illegible] of the fate of his application. The Clerk [undeciphered word] which I forwarded you some time since, you will use if you obtain the warrant – and forward the warrant to me.

Yrs truly,/ James Galloway jr.

To the Executive of Virginia

The Undersigned begs leave to state to your honourable body, that I presented in the last year, the claim of Thomas Davis a Sergeant in the Army of the Revolution for Land bounty, that it was rejected on the ground of a "Thom. Davis" having already received Land bounty, as shewn by the Report of the Commissioner on Revolutionary claims now on file. That he rec'd instructions shortly after its rejection to resend the application, which would have been done but that the Executive [undeciphered word] to act on Revolutionary claims until the adjournment of the last Legislature and that recently he has been again urged to ask a reconsideration on additional testimony which is herewith filed. He therefore respectfully asks that the case of Thos. Davis Serg't may be reconsidered for the following reasons.

1st If (as the undersigned has just grounds for saying,) the claim of Thos. Davis has been rejected on account of the receipt of said bounty by another of that name; is is most respectfully submitted, that it cannot prejudice this application for the Thos. Davis who has rec'd Land bounty was a "Corporal," and the present Applicant claims as a "Serjeant." Again, if the Exhibits Names appears [several undeciphered words] in this application, shew a claim to Land bounty, it is respectfully asked, whether it ought not to

be allowed; and the consideration of the question as to the receipt of the Land bounty already, left to the decision of the Register [of the Land Office], who peculiar duty it is to correct any attempts at such unfairness?

2nd Thomas Davis is a "Pensioner," and has received his Land bounty from the United States, which he could not have rec'd without full proof in the proper office at Washington for a service to the end of the war. If the evidence now filed, in addition to those already on file, should not be sufficient to satisfy your honourable body of the justice of this claim, the undersigned pledges himself (if it should be deemed sufficient to pass the claim) to procure the evidence from Washington of the receipt of Land bounty from the U. States by Thos Davis to the end of the war. He is aware it may be asked, why is not this filed" he answers because it is not deemed necessary it being sworn to by the Applicant, and also because the thinks there is enough already shewn to obtain the allowance asked for.

3rd The accompanying Declarations & evidences under oath of the facts in the case, all perfectly authenticated, the well vouched respectability of the Applicant his Declaration in his own handwriting made at an age when we my say with both feet in the grave, all bear internal evidences of truth which [undeciphered word] sure must carry conviction, to say nothing of the support from the Record, given to these statements.

The Undersigned in conclusion asks Land for Thomas Davis Serjt. to the end of the war, (or for three yrs), and repeats, that if necessary he will procure the proper authentication of the receipt of Land bounty from the U States to the end of the war by Thos Davis. respectfully submitted by June 3rd 1836.

Jno. [undeciphered] Atty

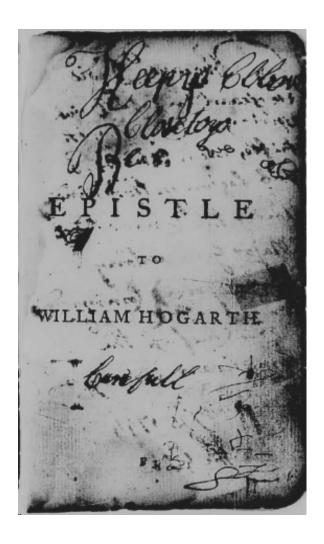
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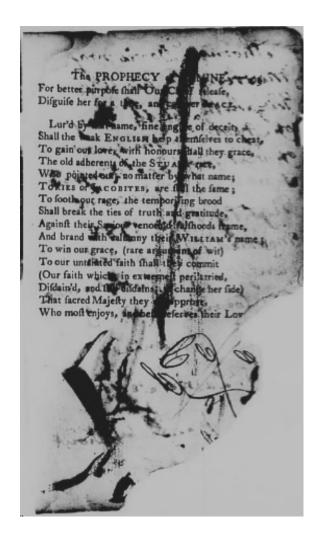
The application of the Thomas Davis who was a corporal in Armand's legion is transcribed as <u>VAS3309</u>. The signature on that application is shown here:

On 25 Sep 1821 Thomas Davis applied to have his pension transferred to Ohio, having moved to Green County.

Daniel and Nancy Wilson stated that in the book used as a family record Thomas Davis "in his own proper hand writing... made entries of the period he left London (England) the distance of time they were crossing the ocean," and other events.

On 3 April 1847 Jacob Davis, 53, of Madison County KY, stated that his father, Thomas Davis, while living in Kentucky, gave him "a book (consisting of rhyming poetry) saying Jacob take this book and keep it it has your own your Brothers and your Sisters ages set down in it, Or words equivalent thereto," and that the book fell into the hands of David Hull, from whom he recovered it in the previous fall. He stated that he then brought it to Ohio in March to aid his mother in obtaining her pension, and that the two pages shown and two pages transcribed below are from that book. Part of the text is missing at places marked [*].





Thomas Davis was Married to his Wife Elizabeth on the 14th Day of April in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two 1782 married by a Church minister in Charlottesaville [Charlottesville] town in Old Virginia

- [*] David sent [?]
- [*] Book Without

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Thomas Davis Serjeant in Capt. Uriah Springers Company of Rifle men And the 3^d Sub Legion yallow [?]inding Major Gen'l. antony Waynn Commander in Chief of the Amarican Army January 25th 1794 in the Wilderness

On 21 Feb 1850 Jacob Davis, 60, stated that his mother, Elizabeth Davis, died on 7 April 1849 leaving the following children: John Davis, Jacob Davis, and Nancy Wilson. He stated that his mother may also have been survived by the following sisters and brother: Elizabeth Wilson, Catherine Croy, and Richard Davis.