

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sampson Davis <sup>1</sup> W6964

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions  
September Term 1834

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1834, personally appeared in open Court, this Court aforesaid now in Session, Sampson Davis, a resident of Bladen County and State, aged Seventy nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain this benefit, the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as hereafter stated (viz.) He entered the service in the month of March 1777 in a Company commanded by Captains William Ellis & William Handon [William Handing] as a volunteer for six months and served out the full term. The Company was attached to Col. Thomas Robeson's Regiment, during this service he was marched from the County of Bladen in this State to the town of Wilmington where and at Jumping Run in the neighborhood of Wilmington he was stationed 'til this tour expired. He again entered the service in the month of October following in Bladen County under Capt. Wm. Ellis and served three months. He entered as a volunteer. He was marched from Bladen County to Caswell's [Richard Caswell's] Camp in the neighborhood of Wilmington where he was stationed until his term of service expired. He again entered the service as a volunteer in Captain James White's Company for three months but served one month only, while in this service he was marched to the Pee Dee River [Pedee River] Capt. White's Company was attached to Col. James Richardson's Regiment.

The following answers were made to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I was born 12<sup>th</sup> March 1755 in the County of Edgecombe North Carolina.
- 2 I have not.
- 3 I lived in Bladen County and still continue to reside there.
- 4 I volunteered.
- 5 I knew Gen. Tho Brown [Thomas Brown], Col. Owen, Major Raiford & others.
- 6 I do not recollect of receiving any discharge, if I did I have lost it.
- 7 I would refer to Gov. John Owen, John Hair, Esq. of Bladen & to Stephen Hollingsworth<sup>2</sup>, Sr. of Cumberland County.

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt17575-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [Stephen Hollingsworth S8726](#)

8 I have made my Declaration in this Court because it was more convenient to present my testimony.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court Sept Term 1834

S/ Sampson Davis, X his mark

S/ Arch<sup>d</sup> McLean, Jr., Clk

And the said Sampson Davis exhibited in open Court the affidavit of Stephen Hollingsworth Sr. in support of his claims for a pension which was taken before Jno Averitt Esq., one of the Justices of this court.

[John Hair gave a supporting affidavit in which he states: "...I further Certify that there is no Minister of the Gospel residing in my neighborhood."]

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

This Day Stephen Hollingsworth Senior personally appeared Before me John Averitt one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for said County and maketh oath that he is well acquainted with Sampson Davis of Bladen County, that he knew said Davis during the Revolutionary war and was in the Service with said Davis six months as a volunteer in Captain William Ellis & William Handon Companies which was attached to Colonel Roberson's Regiments that said Davis Served faithfully as a soldier During that time and I the said Stephen Hollings [sic] further maketh oath that he was with the said Sampson Davis at another time three months at Caswell's Camp under William Ellis Captain and Thomas Roberson Colonel that the said Davis was a volunteer and served faithfully as a soldier during that time and the said Stephen Hollingsworth further maketh oath that he was with the said Davis one month as a volunteer at Little Pedee under James White Captain and Colonel James Richardson that he served that time faithfully as a soldier.

S/ Stephen Hollingsworth, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 9<sup>th</sup> August 1834.

S/ John Avertt, JP

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

This day Sampson Davis personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County and made oath, that the services set forth in his Declaration heretofore made and the act of 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 Were as follows (viz.) He volunteered as a private soldier for six months under Captain William Ellis was marched to Wilmington by him and on Captain Ellis being appointed Major he was placed under the command of Captain Peter Robeson under whom he Served his tour of six months, his Company was Attached to Colonel Thomas Robeson's Regiment the Lieutenant of his Company was James Johnson. The second tour he served was three months under James White who was attached to Colonel Richardson's Regiment during this tour he was marched to South Carolina in pursuit of the Tories, James Cain was Lieutenant of Captain White's Company in this service he was a volunteer. He again volunteered & Served one month under Captain White & Lieutenant Cain his Company was then attached to Colonel Thomas Brown's Regiment during this service he was marched through Bladen, Columbus & Robeson County in

pursuit of the Tories, owing to his old age and consequent loss of memory it is out of his power to State the times of his several services neither is it in his power to specify all the places he was at during his different Services though he Knows that he Served as above Stated.

S/ Sampson Davis, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 1834.

S/ D. A. Davis, JP {Seal}

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State of North Carolina, Bladen County

On this 2nd day of August 1853 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarterly Sessions of the county of Bladen and State aforesaid, Ruth Davis, a resident of the State of North Carolina and county of Bladen, aged \_\_\_ years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth under her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1853, that she is the widow of Sampson Davis, a Revolutionary pensioner, who drew annually twenty three dollars and 33 cents. Said Sampson Davis being a resident of Bladen County in the State aforesaid, and received his pension at the agency in Fayetteville North Carolina. She further declares that she was married to the said Sampson Davis in the year eighteen hundred and fifteen; that her husband, the aforesaid Sampson Davis died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1840; that she was married to him at the time above stated. She further swears that she was a widow at the passage of the act, and is still a widow, and that she has never before made application for a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before the said Court.

S/ Ruth Davis, X her mark

[p 12: On April 18, 1855 in Robeson County North Carolina, Ruth Davis, 73, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Sampson Davis. She signed this application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]