

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Davis W8657

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[fn p. 15]

Kentucky, Hopkins County

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit at a Court held for the County aforesaid at the Courthouse in the town of Madisonville on the eighth day of October 1832 the following entry upon others was made in the minutes of said Court, Viz.

“William Davis a soldier of the revolution & applicant for a pension this day produced in Court his declaration under an act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 and subscribed and made oath to the same and the certificate of John Bourland & Barnabas Sisk thereunder written was also subscribed & sworn to in open Court. Whereupon the Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above applicant was a revolutionary soldier & served as he states.

And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that John Bourland who subscribed to the certificate above named is a clergyman of the County of Hopkins and that Barnabas Sisk who also subscribed the same is a resident in the same County & is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.”

I Samuel Woodson clerk of the Court before the County of Hopkins aforesaid do certify that the foregoing is a full and complete transcript of an entry in the minutes of said Court. I further certify that the paper hereto attached marked A is the original declaration agent in said entry as having been subscribed & sworn to by the said William Davis and the certificate thereof under written subscribed by John Bourland & Barnabas Sisk is the original certificate subscribed & sworn to by them as mentioned in said entry.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my said Office the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 and in the 41<sup>st</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

S/ Sam Woodson

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State of Kentucky, County of Hopkins

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of the County aforesaid now sitting William Davis a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 71 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1779 in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina where he then resided he volunteered and served a tour of three months in guarding the Commissioners appointed to run the dividing line between the States of Virginia & North Carolina where he served under Captain Pleasant Henderson & Colonel \_\_ Henderson – that he joined the Commissioners & Surveyor on

Holston River and proceeded with them to the top of Cumberland mountain where he was discharged & returned home having served out his full term of three months – he received a written discharge signed as he believes by his Colonel but have lost the same. He states that the service thus performed by him was perilous on account of the hostile Indians infesting the Country through which they passed & that he was before he volunteered and as an inducement for him to volunteer were promised by his Militia Officers as credit for a tour of three months in the then War waged by England against the United States. He states that in March or April 1780 at Wilkes County aforesaid he substituted for one Matthew Sparks for three months under Lieutenant William Reynolds, Captain James Henderson, Colonel Brickle & General Caswell of the North Carolina Militia that he was appointed Orderly Sergeant in his Company and in that capacity served out his tour – that he marched to the Santee in hearing of the guns of Charleston where General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was then besieged by Sir H. Clinton but was prevented from getting into the City by the besieging Army – that he remained in the vicinity of Charleston until Lincoln surrendered when he was marched to Cross Creek in North Carolina & discharged having served out his full term of three months – he does not recollect that he received a written discharge for this tour but if he did he has lost the same.

He states that afterwards in the year 1780 he equipped himself as a Dragoon & in that capacity volunteered – and served various short tours in that and the succeeding year – that is to say, Six weeks under Colonel Cleaveland [sic, Benjamin Cleveland] on New River against the Tories.

Three weeks under Captain Joel Lewis & Colonel Cleveland principally in Burke County North Carolina against the Tories.

Two months under the same Officers principally near Broad River against the Tories.

Six weeks under Captain Allen & Colonel Benjamin Hearn of North Carolina Militia on New River against the Tories.

1781 – Three months lacking a few days under Captain Joel Lewis, Major Micajah Lewis & Colonel Cleveland rendezvoused at Wilkes Courthouse marched thence to King's Mountain, was in the battle at that place saw there the Americans Colonels Shelby, Sevier & Campbell.

Seven weeks under Captain Joel Lewis & Colonel Benjamin Hearn & Colonel Cleveland on New River against the Tories.

Seven weeks under Captain Joel Lewis & Colonel Cleveland on Broad River in pursuit of the Tory Col. Bryant – was joined by Captain Erwin's Company of North Carolina Militia on this tour. At the Seven weeks under Captain John Beverly & Colonel Cleveland served near the Shallow Ford of the Adkin [sic, Yadkin River] & towards the Pedee [River].

Two months on Deep River in North Carolina under Captain John Beverly – Captain Samuel Johnson's Company of North Carolina militia was along went in pursuit of the Tory Colonel Fanan [sic, David Fanning.]

Four weeks under Captain Allen & Colonel Benjamin Hearn – at and near Hoosa [Horse ?] Town near the Yadkin River was taken prisoner by the British but made his escape.

Eleven who weeks under Captain Beverly served principally on the waters of Deep River in pursuit of the aforesaid Tory Colonel Fanning.

He states that the aforesaid several tours together make two years one month & three weeks which he faithfully served his Country in the Revolutionary War.

He states that he received no written discharge as a Dragoon – he further states that he was born in the Eastern part of Virginia in the year 1761, that after Governor Dunmore left that State he (this applicant) removed to Wilkes County aforesaid in North Carolina & continued to live there during the War. That after peace was concluded he removed [to] Pendleton District in South Carolina & from thence to Hopkins County Kentucky where he now resides.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present &

declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. S/ Wm Davis

[John Bourland, a clergyman, and Barnabas Sisk, a neighbor, give the standard certification.]

[fn p. 12: on February 13, 1843 in Hopkins County, Kentucky, widow, Anna Davis, 76, filed for her pension; states her maiden name was Anna Lovan (sometimes spelled Loving); that her husband died in Hopkins County, Ky on Feb. 6, 1838; married in Wilkes County, NC on the 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1780]

[fn p. 21: on September 6, 1856, in Hopkins County Kentucky, Anna Davis, 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of William Davis.]

[fn p. 9 Family Record: very faint in places]

William Davis was born [illegible] the 8 [illegible]

Anna Davis was Born the 28 April 1766

John Davis the son of Wm and Anna Davis was born in June the 23 1782

James Davis was born February 3 1784

Bitte Davis was born October 27 1786

Loving Davis was born February 13 1789

Pleasant Davis was born in March the 3 [?] 1791

William P. Davis was born May the 29 [? last digit unclear] 1795

Rebekah Davis was born in october 11, 17??

?ke Davis was born June 7 180?

?annah Davis was born May the 11 1801 [?]

?na Davis was [born] in February the 17 1804

??? Davis was born in July the 21 day 1807

[another entry completely illegible]

[fn p. 41: Elizabeth Fox, 77, a citizen of Hopkins County Kentucky gave testimony in support of the application of Anna Davis for a widows pension stating that she knew William Davis and Anna Davis were married in Wilkes County North Carolina on November 15th 1780 "she knows that it was in November and in the year that the battle of King's Mountain was fought. She recollects this from the circumstances that herself and the said Hannah were well acquainted & very intimate being cousins & the said Deponent being the sister of the said William Davis. She herself was married in the August previous to the marriage of the said Hannah. She was present at the said marriage of the said Anna with said William Davis & witnessed the ceremony." This deposition is attested February 22, 1843]

[fn p. 42: Hannah Allen, 75, a citizen of Hopkins County Kentucky gave testimony that she is the sister of Anna Davis and knows that her sister married William Davis in November 1780 in Wilkes County North Carolina having been present at the ceremony. This deposition is attested February 22nd, 1843.]