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Davis, Samuel

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Kentucky No 781

Samuel Davis
Private in the State of Kentucky
was a private in the Co. commanded
Captain Reside of the regt. commanded
in the 7th
for 2 years

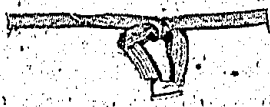
Enrolled on the Roll of Kentucky
at the rate of 50 Dollars per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 2nd day of March
1836 and Henry D. Hill
Residence Hill

Amount to the 1st of March 240.00
Com-ant. allowance ending 1836 40.00
\$280.00

{ Provisionary Claim, }
{ Oct June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by *[Signature]* Clerk,
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State of Kentucky
 Henry County 3rd Feb

It shews that on this 5th day of February 1834 personally appeared before William Mcbracken a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and a member of the County Court Kentucky Samuel Davis a resident of Henry County Ky. aged 68 years ^{supposedly} who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say In the year 1779 his father was a resident of Rockingham County Va and in the fall of that year (1778) he moved his family including this declarant to Kentucky and sometime in the month of October of that year they landed at Riddle's Station on Blounts in the now County of Rowton that about the first of January 1780 this declarant was enrolled in the militia at that place for the purpose of aiding in the defence of the Station and the frontier that he immediately that is to say about the 1st of January 1780 volunteered and entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier for six months in the company of Captain Isaac Riddle that John Davis the brother of this declarant was the Lieutenant of the company that he was kept at the said Station or fort as a part of the garrison thereof under the command of his said Captain that on the 10th day of March 1780 the Indians attacked the fort at the said Station and kept up a warm fire during the day and most of the succeeding night that there was but one man wounded who was in the fort but there was several killed who were caught by the Indians out of it that a large body of Indians British & Canadians under the command of one Col. or Capt. Bird ^{invited the fort} and after a sharp conflict the fort was surrendered to them and this declarant together with all who were in the fort became prisoners and were given up as such to the Indians that he this declarant was taken by the Indians (who were of the Shawano tribe) to the Indians town on the little Miami and was afterward carried by them kept up on the Big Miami that whilst he was with them there was

two expeditions sent against them upon the first of which 1779
their corn was destroyed in its green state and upon the second
it was destroyed when dry. which took place he thinks in 1782
both which events brought great distress upon the Indians - He
states that he was kept by the Indians as a prisoner for about
three years for it was not until the month of June 1783 that
he was purchased through the agency of his brother John Davis
from them and carried to the British post at Detroit which
place he reached about the 20th of that month - He states that
he was then set at liberty and remained in that country until the
year 1785 for the purpose of procuring the liberty of his sister
who had been taken prisoner at the same time that he was
which object he effected and then returned to Kentucky.

He states that he served in the post at Riddle's Station upon
his said engagement actively and actually from the period of
his entry upon it about the 1st January 1780 till he was cal-
-lured as above set forth and that he remained as a prisoner
amongst the Indians until sometime in June 1783 and for these
services and sufferings he claims a pension

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

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension
or annuity except the present and declares that his name is
not on the pensioners roll of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

James D. Davis

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the
said Justice

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1765

2^d Have you any record of your age, and if so what is it?

Answer - I have none - it has been destroyed

3^d What were you living when called into service, what having
you lived since the Revolutionary War, and what do you now
live?

Answer I was living at Riddle Station in Ky when I entered the service

and after I was released from my captivity with the Indians I remained at Detroit until I procured the release of my sister who was a prisoner with them which I effected in 1785 and then I returned to Kentucky and went to Danville in the present county of Mercer in the neighbourhood of which I settled and continued to live until after the death of my wife and I broke up housekeeping and have been living amongst my children for 5 years past some of whom live in Mercer county some in God's county & some in Elmy county Ky. where I have spent the last Eighteen Months.

1st How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? and if a substitute for whom?

Answer - I was a volunteer.

2nd State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer - There was no officer of higher grade than Captains with the troops where I served and he was not a regular officer I believe - there was no Continental or Militia regiments

with the at the place of my service - I volunteered under Captain Riddle for six months service and was kept by him at the fort at Riddle's Station as a part of the garrison of that place and served as a private soldier accordingly

until the fort was surrounded by the Indians British & Canadian in June 1780 and I was thus carried by the Indians into captivity and remained a prisoner with them until sometime in June 1783 and was thus purchased of them carried to Detroit and liberated.

3rd Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer - I never did.

4th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution -

Answer - I Will name Will. Peck and Hanard Younger
sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Jamuel Davis

We Will. Peck - a clergyman residing in Henry County Ky
and Hanard Younger residing in the same County & State
hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Jamuel
Davis who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration
that we believe him to be 68 years of age; that he is reputed
and believed to be the same person who he resides to have been
a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion
sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Hanard Younger
William Peck

And I the said William McCracken Justice of the Peace
and one of the Justices of the Henry County Court as aforesaid
hereby declare my opinion after the investigation of the matter
and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the said depart-
-ment that the abovesaid applicant was a revolutionary soldier
and served as he states. And I further certify that William
Peck who has subscribed & sworn to the preceding certificate

is a clergyman residing in the said County of Henry Ky. and
that Hanard Younger who has also signed the same is a cred-
-ible person and a resident of the same County & State and
that their statements are entitled to credit. And I also further certify
that from the distance at which the said applicant resides from
the Court house combined with his infirmity of body he cannot
attend the proper court to make his declaration - Given under
my hand this 5th day of February 1834

William McCracken J.P.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

Sir,

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: $\}$). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of Samuel Davis

Period when the service rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Name and rank of the Field or Corps under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				

1780

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P.

Capt. Riddle

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Traditionary

Taken a prisoner by the Indians. John Conway of Nicholas Co. Va. who was alleged to have been taken a prisoner at Riddle's Post can no doubt substantiate the applicant's statement. His affidavit should be procured. Hon. J. A. Macalister resides with the residence.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. EDWARDS

Commissioner of Pensions.