

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Davis S35223

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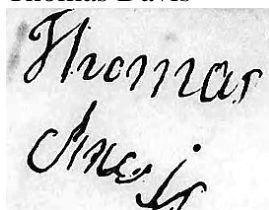
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I Thomas Davis of Islesborough in the County of Hancock [now Waldo County] and District of Maine on oath do say and declare that I am a native citizen of the United States and that I served more than nine months as a sailor and quarter gunner in the naval service of the United States in the late Revolutionary war. That sometime in the month of October 1779 I enlisted on board the United States Ship the *Ranger*¹ then lying in the port of Portsmouth New Hampshire and went immediately on duty. Said ship was then commanded by Captain Thomas Simpson² and served on board of her until May 1780 when our ship surrendered to the British in the Port of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]³ and I was made a prisoner of war and remained so about two months when I was exchanged at Philadelphia and shortly after had the small Pox and arrived at Boston in Set^r. [?]⁴ 1780 where I was discharged and did no further service.

I further say I am 63 years old and poor and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I stand in need of the assistance of my country for my support – I have no evidence within my power of the above service.

Thomas Davis



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June 8:1818 We the Subscribers Select men of the town of Islesborough in the County of Hancock & District of Maine Do hereby Certify that Thomas Davis of said Islesborough and a

¹ https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2531

² https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_crewman&id=651

³ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

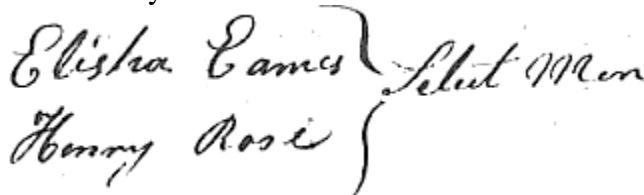
& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

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quarter Gunner on Board the Ship *Ranger* in the late Revolutionary war By Reason of his Reduced Circumstances in Life Stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support and in our opinion is well entitled to the Bounty of his Country Provided By law for the necessitous Survivors of the army and Navy of the United States in the Late Revolutionary War.

Elisha Eames

Henry Rose Select Men



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State of Maine

Hancock SS At a Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the third Eastern Circuit, begun and Holden at Castine within and for the County of Hancock on the second Tuesday of July being the 11th day of said month and by adjournment from day to day, on the 15th day of July in the year of our Lord's 1820, before the Honorable William Crosby & Samuel Campbell Judges of said court.

On this 15th day of July in the year 1820, personally appeared in open court the same proceeding according to the course of common law, having jurisdiction unlimited in amount, keeping a record of their proceedings, and having "the power of fine and imprisonment," and being a Court of Record for said Circuit, Thomas Davis 2nd aged 65 years, resident in Islesborough in said Circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, viz., as a Mariner in the ship *Ranger* commanded by Captain Simpson under Commodore Whipple [Abraham Whipple]⁵ on the Continental Establishment, as is more particularly mentioned and described in his original declaration, made on the 25th day of May A.D. 1818, and on which said declaration his Certificate of Pension, numbered 9,895 was granted. 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons 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; that my occupation and ability to pursue the same, together with the number and other particulars of my family, are in fact and in truth as is particularly described on the back hereof, also subscribed by me.

Thomas Davis 2nd, X his mark

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Schedule of the real and personal estate, (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) belonging to me the subscriber, viz.:

1 Iron Pot 1 Coffee Pot 1 Pint Pot 1 Razor 1 Knife

Thomas Davis 2nd, X his mark

⁵ <http://gaspee.org/AbrahamWhipple.html>

Schedule of the family residing with me Thomas Davis 2nd who, by occupation am a Laborer which I am unable to pursue by reason of Rheumatism & various infirmities incident to old age. I have no family whatever – nor never had any or the means of Supporting a family – and am now unable to support myself without the aid of public or private Charity

Thomas Davis 2nd, X his mark

[Veteran was pension at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing May 25, 1818, for service for one year as a Marinara on board the *Ranger*.]