

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Davenport, Jr. Va8  
(Virginia Pension Records)

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Transcribed and annotated by Beth Collins

[Item 1]

I do certify that James Davenport Enlisted in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment under Captain Mathew Jouett (in which company I served as an officer) on the 15<sup>th</sup> feby 1776; and served till the 3d Feby. 1778 and was then discharged on acct of his wounds

Robert Jouett  
19 June 1783

P. Southall

[Item 2]

On the Examination of James Davenport who appears to be about Twenty Eight years of Age sent some Injury has been done to the ankle of the left Leg said to have been by a Ball at the Battle of Brandywine the withering of the Limb & the motion of the Joint being considerable diminished, from an disability in some measure to Obtain a support by hard Labor Only ~~

W. Foushee

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 1788

[Item 9]

On the reexamination of James Davenport, to whom I granted a Certificate the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1788 & who then appeared to be about Twenty Eight years of age; find that the Injury done the left ankle by a Ball entering the Joint & as he says remaining still there & which I have now every reason to believe not only from his own account, but from the personal appearance of the Part itself as well as the diminution of the said left Leg & thigh, which withering has increased considerable since his former Examination; also the motion of the Joint being more evidently destroyed; convinces one that, the Injury is greater than I formerly apprehended, & that if it was received in Public Service, his disability to support himself by hard Labour only, is such, as now to require considerable assistance from his Country ~~~

W. Foushee

[Item 11]

The petition of James Davenport Junr. of the County of Hanover.

Humbly Sheweth that your petitioner did in the year 1776 enlist in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the service of the United States for the term of three years. That at the action of Brandywine in September 1777 he was so unfortunate as to receive a wound in his ankle, which rendered him unable to do the farther duty of as Soldier and for which incapacity he was discharged. That the said wound stills renders him incapable of exercising the hard labour to which he has been accustomed. That his pension is only Six pounds per annum, which your petitioner finds from experience will not procure him the common necessaries of life. That being on the pension list he is precluded from the benefit of the law, for making provision for the poor.

Reduced to this scanty pittance and unable to labour, your petitioner must be reduced to the mortifying and disgraceful situation of begging his subsistence from the charitable and generous, or what will be equally painful to him, depend on this aged and indigent Father & Mother for assistance, who with all their honest industry can with difficulty support themselves and the younger part of the family who are unable to assist them

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Excellency will take his distressed situation under consideration and with [Line missing] family & are convinced the facts stated in the within petition are true  
Given under our hand January 1789

Jno. Winston  
Robert Dabney  
Geo. Lumsden  
Thos Davenport  
Jesse Davenport  
James Kennedy  
Thomas Nash Junr  
George Smith  
John Brown  
Joseph Woolfolk  
Jas. B. Anderson  
Parke Goodall

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Virginia Pension Application of James Davenport VAS721  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do certify that James Davenport Enlisted in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment under Captain Mathew Jouett [Matthew Jouett BLWt1126-300; company raised in Albemarle County] (in which company I served as an officer) on the 15<sup>th</sup> feby 1776; and served till the 3<sup>d</sup> Feby. 1778 and was then discharged on Acct. of his wounds.

Robert Jouett/ 19 June 1783

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\*amination of the Bearer James Davinport who says he was a private in Capt. Mon\* Company belonging to the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't. & that he was wounded at the battle \*andywine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] – find considerable Injury has been sustained in the ankle in so much \*he flexion & extension of the foot is impaired & a small withering of the \* also evident – am therefore of opinion that some allowance may be made \*ropriety for being of no Trade, he is certainly somewhat disabled from \*ing a Livilihood by Common Labour.

W. Foushee  
June 22<sup>d</sup> 1786



\* James Davenport was wounded \*attle of Brandywine & Discharged \*eason of his being rendered unfit \*r service

James Wood Late B. G.



On the Examination of James Davenport who appears to be about Twenty Eight years of Age find some Injury has been done to the ankle of the left Leg, said to have been by a Ball at the Battle of Brandywine the withering of the Limb, & the motion of the Joint being considerably diminished, from an inability in some measure to Obtain a support by hard Labour Only [signed] W. Foushee/ Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 1788

To his Excellency Beverley Randolph Esquire Govonor or chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The petition of James Davenport Jun'r. of the County of Hanover Humbly sheweth that your petitioner did in the year 1776 enlist in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the service of the united States for the term of three years, that at the action of Brandywine in September 1777 he was so unfortunate as to receive a wound in his ancle, which rendered him unable to do the farther duty of a Soldier, and for which incapacity he was discharged, that the said wound still renders him incapable of exercising the hard Labour to which he has been accustomed, that his pension is only Six pounds per annum, which your petitioner finds from experience will not procure him the common necessaries of life. that being on the pension list he is precluded from the benefit of the Law, for making provisions for the poor.

Reduced to this scanty pittance and unable to labour, you petitioner must be reduced to the mortifying and disgraceful situation of begging his subsistance from the charitable and generous, or what will be equally painful to him, depend on his aged and indigent Father & Mother for assistance, who with all their honest industry can with difficulty support themselves and the younger part of the family, who

are unable to assist them.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Excellency will take his distressed situation in to consideration, and will [The rest is missing from the online image. The next image is also mostly missing, but it appears to be a statement supporting Davenport's petition, signed in January 1789 by the following: John Winston, Robert Dabney, George Lumsden, Thomas Davenport, Jesse Davenport, James Kennedy, Thomas Nash Sr, George Smith, John Brown, Joseph Woolfolk, John B. Anderson, and Parke Goodall.]

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[signed] W. Foushee/ oct'r 27<sup>th</sup> 1789

I do with the advice of the council hereby certify that James Davenport about 30 years of Age late a private in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment appears to have been disabled in such a manner in the service of the United States as to entitle him to an addition of six pounds yearly from the first day of January 1789, to his former allowance of six Pounds.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1789.

Sam'l. Coleman

Beverley Randolph

