

**SAR Application, George Davis**

National Number . . . . .

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY  
OF THE  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I, **WILLIAM MELTON BURNEY** being of the age of **37** years hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from **GEORGE DAVIS** who was born in **CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA** on the **2ND** day of **DECEMBER, 1762** and died in **NORTH CAROLINA** on the \_\_\_\_ day of **MARCH, 1839** and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in **COLUMBIA** County of **RICHLAND** State of **SOUTH CAROLINA** on the **4TH** day of **FEBRUARY, 1889**.

- (1) I am the son of **WILLIAM B. BURNEY** . . . born **1852** died and  
his wife **MINNIE MELTON BURNEY** . . . . . born **1860** died married **1883**
- (2) grandson of **SAMUEL W. MELTON** . . . . . born **1830** died **1899** and  
his wife **MARY HELEN GORE** . . . . . born **1834** died **1901** married **1857**
- (3) great-grandson of **SAMUEL MELTON** . . . . . born **1789** died **1861** and  
his wife **SARAH THOMPSON DAVIS** . . . . . born **1796** died **1851** married **1814**
- (4) great2-grandson of **GEORGE DAVIS** . . . . . born **1762** died **1839** and  
his wife **ANNE EAKIN** . . . . . born died **1824** married
- (5) great3-grandson of **DAVID DAVIS** . . . . . born died **1778** and  
his wife **ELIZABETH JAMES** . . . . . born died married
- (6) great4-grandson of . . . . . born died and  
his wife . . . . . born died married
- (7) great5-grandson of . . . . . born died and  
his wife . . . . . born died married

and he, the said **GEORGE DAVIS** (No. 4) is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of soldier.

NOTE: it is not absolutely necessary for admission to membership that all blank spaces provided for dates and pre-Revolutionary ancestors be filled, but it is extremely desirable.

Signature of Applicant  
**WILLIAM MELTON BURNEY**  
Address:  
2100 Wheat Street, Columbia, SC  
Occupation:  
Life Insurance

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### ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

"SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in the Society who, being of the age of eighteen years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer soldier seaman, marine, militiaman, or minute man in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain." Constitution of National Society S. A. R., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 3, 1907.

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Application," should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authorities as you found the following record upon and also the residence of ancestor with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 3, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership dues, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

**GEORGE DAVIS**, the soldier of the American Revolution from whom I claim descent was a soldier under **GENERAL DAVIDSON** in 1780, and again served in 1781 in the army of General Greene in the campaign which ended with the battle of Guilford Court House N. C. His name is found in the rolls of the North Carolina militia in both campaigns from Mecklenburg County, N. C. where it is spelled **DAVIES**, the original way of spelling it.

**DAVID DAVIS**, the father of **GEORGE DAVIS**, in 1775 and prior, had a land estate at the north end of the Cove north of McConnellsburg, PA, said **MCCONNELL** being the husband of **MARY DAVIS**, the eldest daughter of **DAVID**. Here **DAVID DAVIS** built a fort and manned it with his hired help, his family neighbors who fled to it in refuge. The Indians who committed Wyoming Massacre in Pennsylvania in 1776 and 1777 attacked **DAVIS FORT** ... repulsed after three day's fighting. In this battle the **REV. JAMES**, father of our ancestor **ELIZABETH JAMES** was killed. She was moulding bullets and continued to do so after her father's death. For proof refer to "Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit", Biography of Rev. **FRANCIS CUMMINS**, D. D. This battle is given in a history of Pennsylvania. I am entitled to a SAR for **REV. MR. JAMES**, one for **ELIZABETH JAMES**, one for **DAVID DAVIS**, and one for **GEORGE DAVIS**. All did military service. Refer also to "White's Encyclopedia of American Biography Vol. 7" and "William's bench and bar of Arkansas" Biography of Judge **SAMUEL WILLIAMS**, grandson of **GEORGE DAVIS** and ... of Judge **SAMUEL W. MELTON**.