

George C. Davis Pension Papers

Background Information

Oct 10, 1877 – Application for Pension 216,628. Geo. C. Davis was enrolled on the 21st Sept 1862 at Maryville, Tenn. Company B. 3rd Reg't [sic] of Tenn. Cav. Volunteers to serve 3 years. Mustered into service, a private, Sept. 21, 1862. Left in hosp. in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Mar. 20, 1863. Subsequent calls after to Aug. 31, 1864. Captured Sept. 24, 1864 at Athens, Ala. and so borne to April 30, 1865. Mustered out in Det. M.O.R. June 10, 1865 at Nashville, Tenn. (Corp'l [sic] when captured.) Captured same as above and released Mar. 21, 1865.

Prisoner of War Records showed him captured Athens, Ga. Sept 24, 1864 -- receipted for at Vicksburg, Miss. as a paroled prisoner, Feb. 1865. Reported at Camp Chase Ohio May 3, 1865 and sent to Nashville, Tenn. for mustering out. May 17, 1865.

Mar. 6, 1876 – A declaration for original pension of and invalid. On above date, Geo. C. Davis appeared before Clerk of Circuit Ct. Blount Co. Tenn. Age 36, from 13th District, had inlisted [sic] in Capt. Alex, P. Stotting's Co. B. 3rd Reg't [sic] Tenn. Cav'y [sic] Vols. 22nd Sept. 1862. 5 Ft. 10 In/tall. Fair complexion, Light hair, Blue eyes, - while at Murfreesboro in Jan. or Feb. 1863, he was taken with typhoid fever lay sick in General Hospital for several weeks, most of the time un-conscious, he was deaf part of the time, and that ever since his hearing has become greatly impaired. Stayed in hospital til [sic] April 1863.

He is now a farmer doing light labor on the farm. He is now ½ disabled. His post office is at Ellejoy Blount Co. Tenn.

BIBLE RECORD included:

- 1) William M. Davis Born October 29, day 1860
- 2) Sarah C. Davis Born January 16, day 1862
- 3) Mary C. Davis Born October 19, day 1864
- 4) Menurva C. Davis Born September 5, day 1866
- 5) Bettie Ann Davis Born December 3, day 1871
- 6) Martha E. Davis Born September 4, day 1873
- 7) Wiley A. Davis Born August 1, day 1875
- 8) Andrew G. Davis Born January 6, day 1879
- 9) Joseph H. Davis Born August 25, day 1883
- 10) Walter Davis Born October 6, day 1885
- 11) Belle Davis Born March 30, day 1888

12) Augusta Davis Born December 18, day 1893

QUESTIONNAIRE FROM DEPT. Interior: Sept. 13, 1899

Wife's full name: Elithey C, Davis – formerly FARMER

Married: Dec. 27, 1870 – Ellejoy by Soloman FARMER– Record Co. Ct. Clk. Blount Co.

Previous Marriage: Mary A. KOUNTS who died Apr. 18, 1868

List of children (second marriage) [list identical to list above #5-12]

Letter to Commissioner of Pensions from George Davis July 1884

Maryville [~~crossed out~~] Ellejoy, Tenn. July 7th, 1882

Commissioner of Pensions

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

In answer to the enclosed letter of 16th June in relation to the claims of David McClanahan no 45403 late of Co B 3rd Regt Tenn [sic] Cav I will say that I was a member of the same Co and Regt with claimant, Served with him all the time during the war, left house with him when we enlisted in the army, was captured at Athens Ala. sent to Cahaba prison, with him, and there waited on and nursed him when he was sick, mustered out of service with him, and both came home together and I have lived a near neighbor to him ever since.

Here are the reasons and means of my Knowing how and where Claimant contracted his diseases. Claimant is Not Now, nor, has he been able for several years to perform any manual labor whatever.

Very Respectfully

George C. Davis

The George C. Davis Families History

George C. Davis, the youngest of nine children of William D. and Sally Bowers Davis, was born February 17, 1839. Thus, he was about a year and a half old when his father died on August 17, 1840, and was first named in the 1850 census along with his widowed mother and his two older brothers as a resident of the Ellejoy Community. In addition, on September 25, 1859 at Ellejoy, he married his first wife, Mary Ann Kounts, who was born December 2, 1840, according to our interpretation of the date on her tombstone, as the daughter of Michael and Mary (Polly) Brown Kounts. Thereafter, they

were listed in the 1860 census as George, age twenty-one, and Mary, age nineteen, and they had two children, Mike and Sarah C., before he enlisted in the Union Army on September 21, 1862, as a private in Company B, Third Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry Volunteers. Consequently, approximately two years later on September 24, 1864, at Athens, Alabama, he was captured and held prisoner at Cahaba Federal Prison in Alabama until his release possibly in March or April 1864. Then, being honorably discharged on June 10, 1865, he returned home after surviving the *Sultana* explosion to be greeted by a new set of arms as his third daughter, Mary, had been born while he was away. Last, on April 18, 1868, Mary Ann Davis died at the age of twenty-seven, and she was buried near her parents at Eusebia Cemetery in Blount County.

Hence, we reported that one distinctive mark separated George C. Davis and his brothers William M. Davis, Sr., and James A. "Hickory Jim" Davis physically speaking, for in his personal description of himself upon his enlistment, he was quoted as stating "that there is a picture of a woman picked in skin of left arm." Otherwise, he was five feet and nine inches tall, with fair skin and blue eyes and a farmer, and we can consider ourselves lucky in that we have photographs of him dating from the Civil War days, whereas George C. may have considered himself extremely lucky to have survived the gruesome fighting on the Civil War and the *Sultana* explosion as well as typhoid fever, according to his military records. At any rate, on December 27, 1870, he married Delithia Catherine Farmer also of the Ellejoy Community, who was born January 25, 1850, as a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Garner Farmer, and they became the parents of eight children who lived, while one unnamed son was born and died on September 24, 1882, according to Blount County birth records. Last, on October 10, 1921, George C. Davis died while Delithia C. Farmer Davis died October 31, 1933, and both were buried at Prospect Cemetery in Blount County.

[image: George C. Davis atop the horse with an unknown handler]

Declaration For Widow's Pension
Act of May 1, 1920

State of Tennessee, County of Blount.

On this 27th day of October, 1921, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public for the County and State aforesaid, Delitha Catherine Davis, who being duly sworn by me according to law, declares that she is 69 years of age, that she was born January 25, 1852, at Ellejoy that her present post office address is Route 2, Walland, Tennessee, Blount County, Tennessee; that she is the widow of George C. Davis, who enlisted September 21st 1862, under the name of George C. Davis, as a Corporal in Company B, Third Regiment of Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry. That she was married to said soldier December 27, 1870, under the name of Delitha C. Farmer, at Ellejoy, Tennessee, by Solomon Farmer, Justice of the Peace, that she had not been previously married, that he had been previously married to Mary Ann Kounts who died on the 18th day of April, 1868, and that neither she nor said soldier was ever married otherwise than as stated above.

That said soldier died October 10, 1921, at Ellejoy, Tenn., that she was not divorced from him, and that she has not remarried since his death, that the soldier left no children under sixteen years of age; that she has not heretofore applied for pension; that said soldier was a pensioner, the number of his pension being 208,565.

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States under the provisions of the Act of May 1, 1920.

Her X mark Delitha C. Davis

Witnesses: [sic]

Erie Feezell

Maryville, Tennessee

Pat Quinn

Maryville, Tennessee

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[image: George C. Davis and his brother James A. "Hickory Jim" in their Union Army uniforms.]