



John Davidson was born in 1761 on the Schuylkill River near Philadelphia PA, the second son of John and Tabitha Davidson. He died in 15Jan1856 in Jasper County Georgia. Details of his marriage and wife are unknown. Their children were Robert 1790, Mary 1792, Margaret 1801, Jane 1803, David 1808 and John 1812.

On 21Jan1833 in Jasper County Georgia, John Davidson applied for a pension (FPA S31639). In his deposition, he stated that he first volunteered for militia service in Aug1776 from Union District SC under Captain James Crawford, Major Benjamin Roebuck and Colonel Thomas Brandon. He was deployed off and on for about three and a half years over the next six years. At the battle of the Cowpens, he was under Colonel Andrew Pickens.

On 29Apr1834, John returned to court to file a more comprehensive record to try again for a pension. He corrected his service entry date to Aug1777 and gave more details of militia movements under various officers during the next four years. **At Cowpens** on Wednesday 17Jan1781, he was under Lieutenant James Crawford, Captain Robert Faris, and Colonel Thomas Brandon. In this battle he received **saber cuts on the head and the right hand**. On the day after the battle the army under command of General Daniel Morgan proceeded to cross Broad River and marched thence to Salisbury NC where the militia was discharged by General Morgan verbally. John remained at Salisbury for about one month in which time the wounds on his head and hand were nearly cured. He then returned to Union District.

Veterans William Jones and Gilbert Shaw gave supporting testimony for John Davidson's pension application. After the War, Davidson moved to Georgia.