Honor Roll

Pamunkey Davenports in the Revolution, Civil and Military Service

(Listed Alphabetically, Partial Listing of In-Laws)

Baker, Charles, [son of Dorothy Davenport of Martin of Davis], Burke County, North Carolina, Militia Light Horse, Skirmish at Pacolet and Battle of Kings Mountain, Guarded British Prisoners to the Moravian Towns. Frontier defense against the Cherokees.

Baker, David [son of Dorothy Davenport of Martin of Davis], Corporal, Captain John Thornton’s Company, 3rd Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line. Was at Battles of White Plains, Trenton (where brother Richard was killed), Princeton, Brandywine, and Germantown. Wintered at Valley Forge.

Baker, Richard [son of Dorothy Davenport of Martin of Davis], Bland’s Horse, First Regiment of Light Dragoons, Virginia Continental Line, killed at the Battle of Trenton.

Baker, Thomas [son of William Baker of Dorothy Davenport and of Nancy/Ann Gambill of Mary Davenport, both of Martin of Davis], Martin Gambill’s Company, Wilkes County, North Carolina, Militia.


Davenport, Augustine, Sr. [of William of Martin of Davis], militiaman, Captain Israel Cox’s Company, Rowan County, North Carolina, Militia.

Davenport, Bedford [of James of Thomas of Davis], Provisioner of Continental and State Troops, Lieutenant, Halifax County, Virginia, Militia.

Davenport, Catherine [widow of James of Thomas of Davis], Provisioner and Nurse, Halifax County, Virginia State Troops and Militia.

Davenport, Charles [of Richard of Richard of Davis], Magistrate, Sheriff of Culpeper County, Provisioner of Continental and State Troops, Culpeper County.

Davenport, Claiborne [of Julius of Thomas of Davis], Private, Captain Charles Fleming’s Company, 7th Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line. Served also in 5th and 1st Regiments. Escaped from British as a prisoner-of-war after Surrender of Charleston.
Davenport, David [of William of Martin of Davis], Hanover Minute Man, Captain Patrick Henry’s Company, Williamsburg Gunpowder Foray. (This affair lasted no more than forty-eight hours, was not recognized as Revolutionary Military Service for Pay or Bounty Land, but suffices for DAR or SAR “Patriot” certification.)


Davenport, Francis [of David of Richard of Davis], Private, Captain John Stokes’ Company, 2nd Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line, died in Service, possibly in Buford’s Massacre.

Davenport, Glover [of Martin of Davis], Provisioner, Continental Line, Pittsylvania County.

Davenport, Glover [of Matthew of Glover of Martin of Davis], Private, Lt. Colonel Samuel Hammond’s Regiment, South Carolina State Troops, Ninety Six District, died in Service or shortly thereafter. (Brother John was his heir-at-law in subsequent lawsuit over Virginia land.)

Davenport, Henry [of Thomas of Davis], Provisioner, Virginia Continental Line and State Troops, Cumberland County. (Henry’s widow was denied a Pension because she could not prove Revolutionary military service.)

Davenport, Jack Smith [of John of Martin of Davis], Ensign, Captain Robert Jennings’ Company, Charlotte County Militia, mortally wounded at the Battle of Guilford Court House.

Davenport, James [of Martin of Davis], Provisioner, Continental Line, Virginia, Hanover County.

Davenport, James [of James of Martin of Davis], Private, Captain Matthew Jouett’s Company, 7th Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line, Wounded and permanently disabled at the Battle of Brandywine.

Davenport, James [of William of Martin of Davis], Spotsylvania Minute Man in 1775 in Captain William Washington’s Company. Subsequent service as Private in Spotsylvania, Louisa, and Hanover Militia Companies, was in Battle of Guilford Court House and Siege of Yorktown.

Davenport, Joel [of Glover of Martin of Davis.], Private, Captain George Lambert’s Company, 14th Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line, at Valley Forge. Also served in 10th and 1st Regiments.
Davenport, John [of James of Martin of Davis], Corporal, Captain Matthew Jouett’s Company, 7th Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line, wounded and disabled for further service at the Battle of Brandywine.


Davenport, John [of William of Martin of Davis], Captain, John Davenport’s Company, Randolph County, North Carolina, Militia.


Davenport, Joseph [of Richard of Richard of Davis], Provisioner, Continental Line and State Troops, Amherst County.

Davenport, Joseph [of Glover of Martin of Davis], Private, Captain George Lambert’s Company, 14th Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line. Also served in 10th and 1st Regiments.

Davenport, Martin [of Thomas of Martin of Davis], Captain, Martin Davenport’s Company, Burke County, North Carolina, Militia. A Battle of Kings Mountain Hero.

Davenport, Martin [of Henry of Thomas of Davis], Captain Charles Fleming’s Company, 7th Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line, died in Service. Estate credited with impressment of Martin’s rifle for military use, Cumberland County.

Davenport, Moses [of Glover of Martin of Davis], Fife Major, 14th Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line, died of pneumonia at Valley Forge.

Davenport, Reuben [of Richard of Davis], Private, Captain Holt Richeson’s Company, 7th Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line.

Davenport, Richard [of Richard, Sr., of Davis], Provisioner, Continental and State Troops, Albemarle County.

Davenport, Richard [of Richard of Richard of Davis], Ensign, Albemarle County Militia.

Davenport, Richard [of John of Martin of Davis], Sergeant, Captain Thomas Williams’ Company, Charlotte County Militia. Additional service as Sergeant in other Militia companies, was at the Battle of Camden. Missed the Battle of Guilford Court House because his Captain took the wrong road. Succeeded combat casualty brother Jack Smith Davenport as Ensign, Charlotte County Militia.

Davenport, Stephen [of Stephen of Thomas of Davis], Private, 2nd Battalion of Foot, Georgia Continental Line.
Davenport, Thomas [of William of Martin of Davis], Private, Captain George Stubblefield’s Company, 5th Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line.

Davenport, Thomas [of Thomas of Davis], Magistrate, Committee of Safety, Cumberland County, Virginia. Captain/Surgeon, 2nd Battalion of Foot, Georgia Continental Line (died as a prisoner-of-war on British hulk in Savannah River). Estate certified as Provisioner, Continental Line and State Troops, Halifax County. (Davenport’s Georgia rank was variously identified as Surgeon’s Mate, Lieutenant, Surgeon, and Capitan.)

Davenport, Thomas [of Thomas of Thomas of Davis], Provisioner, Continental Line and State Troops, Cumberland County; Provisioner, State Troops, Halifax County; Georgia Continental Line service? [Son Congressman Thomas Davenport (1782-1837), the fourth Thomas in sequential generations, filed a claim with the War Department asserting that his father had served as a Captain in the Georgia Continental Line during the Revolution and had not received a Federal Land Bounty. Neither the War Department nor the State of Georgia could find any record of such service. However, the War Department granted Congressman Thomas Davenport (IV) a 100-acre Bounty Land Warrant—likely as a political pacification gesture.]

Davenport, William [of William of Martin of Davis], 2nd Lieutenant, 4th Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line; Captain, Louisa County Militia. [Often confused with Captain William Davenport, of Lancaster, not a Pamunkey, who commanded a Company of Light Dragoons who seemingly spent their entire war service in gathering and impressing food, forage, and other supplies for State Troops in the York River Basin and on the East Slope of the Blue Ridge.] In later years the Pamunkey William was a Major of Militia, Fayette County, Kentucky.

Davenport, William [of Glover of Martin of Davis], Captain Thomas Leftwich’s Company, Bedford County Militia, at Battle of Camden. Subsequent service in other Militia companies.

Davenport, William [of Joseph of Richard of Richard of Davis], Private, Bedford County Militia, Four tours on Continental Establishment--at Gates Defeat, Guilford Court House, Defense of Lower James River, Yorktown.


Davenport, William [of Martin of Davis], Provisioner, Maryland Continental Line, rendered in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.
**Davenport, William** [of John of Martin of Davis], Unspecified Services, Committee of Public Safety, Spotsylvania County.

Gambill, Martin [son of Mary Davenport of Martin of Davis], Captain, Martin Gambill’s Company, Wilkes County, North Carolina, Militia.

Gambill, Thomas [son of Mary Davenport of Martin of Davis], Captain John Thornton’s Company, 3rd Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line..

Doubtless there were a number of sons and grandsons of Mary, eldest daughter and child of Martin—hence eldest grandchild of Davis, and Henry Gambill who participated as Patriots in the Revolution. They were frontiersmen of the Blue Ridge and Shenandoah Valley and the North Carolina backcountry. Two were certified for land bounties for frontier service in the French and Indian War. Systematic research in all regards of the Gambill branch of the Pamunkey Davenports remains to be done.

**Graves, Ann Davenport** [daughter of Davis, wife of Thomas Graves], Provisioner, Continental and State Troops, Spotsylvania County. [Ann died concurrent with the end of the War in 1782, at or near 88 years, per Graves Bible record.]

Of Ann’s fourteen children and multitudinous grandsons there were many who served Virginia during the Revolution in the Continental Line, State Troops, and/or County Militias, in public offices or as providers of food, fodder, guns, and such other supplies required to keep soldiers in the field. No attempt has been made to identify descendants of Thomas Graves and Ann Davenport by their Revolutionary postures, and such a task has not been undertaken by Graves genealogists to our knowledge except as to individual lines in qualifying for memberships in the DAR or SAR.

Hamner, Nicholas [stepson raised from infancy by Richard Davenport of Richard of Davis], Captain, Albemarle Militia, Convention Guard Regiment, on Congressional Payroll for guarding British Prisoner-of-War Stockade near Charlottesville. Commissioner for Provision Collection, Albemarle County.

Kennedy, Charles, Sr. [husband of Crotia Davenport of Martin of Davis]. Provisioner, State Troops, Hanover County.

Kennedy, James [son of Crotia Davenport of Martin of Davis], Private, 3rd Regiment of Foot, Virginia Continental Line; Lieutenant and Adjutant, State Garrison Regiment, Richmond. Later Captain, Louisa County, Militia. Awarded 2,666 acres of Bounty Land in Kentucky and Ohio.

Kennedy, William. [son of Crotia Davenport of Martin of Davis], believed to have served in the Virginia Continental Line, research pending.

Kennedy, Charles, Jr. [son of Crotia Davenport of Martin of Davis]. Believed to have served in the Virginia Continental Line, research pending.