

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Kennedy VAS1038

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

Petition for additional Bounty land

The heirs of James Kennedy – Lieutenant – State line –

The return of the state Garrison Regiment February 7 1782 grants [?] the following facts – that James Kennedy served as Sergeant in the Continental Army for 3 years – that he was on account of his good conduct & the strong recommendation of Colonel Porterfield, appointed an officer in the State Garrison Regiment (perhaps in some) – that he was Lieutenant July 20th 1779 – and supernumerary in 1782 – (see Petition St. Geo. Pugh [???]).

There is no reason to doubt that he was supernumerary, at the end of the war = on the contrary, there is good ground for presumption, that he was supernumerary at the end of the war.

The Faucher, for the allowance of bounty land which has been made, proves that Kennedy was in service in July 1776 – He received December 20th 1782 [last digit unclear] 2666 2/3 acres of land for a service of 3 years –

If your Excellency should allow the additional bounty land which is asked – the time of commencement of Kennedy service should be (according to the aforesaid voucher in the Executive Department) January 1776.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c

To his Excellency Governor Tazewell

To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia

The Heirs of Lieutenant James Kennedy respectfully pray the allowance of Land Bounty full one-year & three and one half months service more than six years – Their ancestor received for service from July 1776 to 6 July 1779. They beg leave to state that he became a supernumerary officer in 1780 & served to the end of the War, which the Executive has decided was on the 22nd of April 1783. – Mr. Smith report to the legislature (Document No. 1) proves that he received land for service from July 1779. He must have been in service three years before that time – & after that became supernumerary & served to the end of the war. The original voucher in the Council Chamber shows that he was in service in January 1776.

Additional Bounty Land is very Respectfully asked –

That they beg leave to state that their ancestor his reported a supy [abbreviation for

supernumerary?] officer & has received his half pay.

S/ Heirs by their attorney [name is illegibly signed]