

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Marquis Kenton VAS1048

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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

I do hereby Certify that I will was perfectly acquainted with Marques Kenton he belonged to Lee's Corps of light horse and acted as a cornet or Ensign for at least three years, and I think till the close of the War and was considered a very active man in raising the troop and was very useful during the war.

Question was or was there not another man by the name of Marquis Kenton belonged to said company or Troop[?]

Answer

There was another belonged and served in said Corps by the name of Kenton but that his given name was I cannot now recollect, though I frequently saw him in company with Kenton the Ensign and thought they were relations.

S/ Thos. Moore, Cap. [Thomas Moore, Captain]<sup>1</sup>

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thos Moore Cap." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'T' and 'M'.

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Mark Kenton deceased and thinks he served as an officer in General Henry Lee's Corps of light horse I think at least five years in the revolutionary War against Great Britain. Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1821

S/ A. D. Orr.

A warrant of 233 1/3 acres issued 6<sup>th</sup> [illegible] 1783 upon Certificate of same date to Mark Kenton in consideration of his service for Seven years as a Private of the Virginia Continental line.

[Illegible]

S/ Wm G. Pendleton, Reg. Land Office

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<sup>1</sup> This MAY be the same man as [Thomas Moore VAS740](#)

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... date to attack ... in ...  
... for seven years ... of the  
Virginia Continental Army.  
... 1785 ...*

The deposition of Jacob Springer<sup>2</sup> aged 67 years and first being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith, that during the revolutionary war against Great Britain he was perfectly acquainted with Marques Kenton a respected brother of General Simon Canton [sic] said Marques was very active in assisting to raise General Lee's Corps of light horse and in that troop I knew he served as a Cornet or in some I think until the Army was disbanded. Question[:] was or was there not another Marques Kenton that belonged to Lee's troop [?]. Answer. There was a youth who belonged to that troop by the name of Marques Kenton who I understood was a relation of the former but he was a boy when he entered the service and before the close of the war I think he held some petty commission, but what it was I do not know, and whether either of them ever received their military land warrants I do not know, but I presume the former could not as I understood that he deceased between 30 and 40 years since. I myself was an officer in the 15<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and knew said Kenton previous to his joining the Army and recognized him a very useful man until the close of the war and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Jacob Springer



[Acknowledged in Fayette County Pennsylvania September 15, 1824]

State of Kentucky Sct.

At a court held for Mason County the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1821

Satisfactory proof was adduced to the court showing that Sally Collins, late Sally Kenton, wife of Edmund Collins is the heir at law and only child of Mark Kenton, deceased. It was also proved to the Court that the said Mark Kenton was a commissioned officer, but of what grade not ascertained, and that he served at least five years in and was discharged at the close of the Revolutionary War; and that he died in the year 1785. All which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of War

In testimony that the foregoing order is truly copied from the records of the Mason County Court, I Marshall Key Clerk of said Court have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1821

S/ Marshall Key

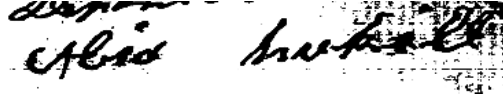
The Deposition of Abiah Hukell<sup>3</sup> to wit this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year 1821. This Deponent being of full age and first sworn according to law deposeth and saith That he was well acquainted with Mark Canton Deceased, during the revolutionary War against Great Britain. Said Kenton entered into the Army in General Lee's Corps of light horse as a quarter master Sergeant and was

<sup>2</sup> [Jacob Springer S40495](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Abiah \(Abia\) Hukill \(Hukans, Hucans\) S35439](#)

very soon after promoted to a Cornet and served as such I think about 5 years and was in the Army at the close of the war I understand he was Commissioned as Lieutenant but did not command as such to my knowledge. The reason I became so well acquainted with said Kenton I belonged to the same Corps and served myself about 6 years in the War. And this Deponent further states that he believes said Kenton died holy intestate and further this Deponent saith not.

S/ Abia Hukill

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abia Hukill". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. There is a faint, illegible mark above the signature, possibly a name or title that has been crossed out or is a ghosting from another page.

[Attested August 31, [1821 presumably] in Mason County Kentucky]

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Addendum to Marquis Kenton VAS1048

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Kenton, Mark.]

I do certify that Q M Sergt Mark Kenton Inlisted in the Cavalry [undeciphered] the state of Virginia in August 1776 for [illegible] years [several undeciphered words] for the war & served till the date hereof Nov'r 7 1783  
[undeciphered] F. ONeal Cap [undeciphered] [Ferdinand Oneal R16846]  
a Copy J Pendleton Jr