

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Kennon BLWt2298-300

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Virginia Henrico County: At a County Court held in and for said County on the seventh of November 1842 on motion it was proved in open court to the satisfaction that Erasmus Kennon deceased of Mecklenburg County Virginia, Doctor George T Kennon of Henrico County Virginia, Commodore Beverly Kennon of Washington City, William H Kennon of Powhatan, Doctor Richard Kennon (deceased), late of Norfolk Virginia and Sarah S (deceased) wife of the late Commodore Arthur Sinclair are the children and only heirs at law of Richard Kennon (deceased) late of the Mecklenburg County Virginia who was a Captain of the Virginia Continental line of the Army of the Revolution. That George (deceased), Elizabeth B wife of Doctor Silas H Harris, Nancy wife of Oliver Kennon, Lucy wife of Edward a Williams, Sally wife of William D Ligon, Roberta, Richard and William Kennon, all residing in Mecklenburg County Virginia are the Children and only heirs at Law of Erasmus Kennon deceased. That George Kennan deceased son of Erasmus left two infant children one of whom is since dead – the other Alice is only heir at law of said George, that Emily E is the infant daughter and only heir at law of Doctor Richard Kennon deceased and resides with her mother in Norfolk and lastly that Arthur Sinclair, Elizabeth wife of William C Whittle, George T Sinclair, William Henry Sinclair and Gilberta M Lafayette Sinclair are the Children and only heirs at law of the said Sarah S Sinclair deceased, the three males being officers in the Navy of the United States and the two females residing in Mecklenburg County Virginia, all of which is ordered to be Certified.

Loftin N. Ellett Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the records of the said Court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court at Richmond this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1842.

S/ Loftin N. Ellett, C. H. C.

[p 5: Power of attorney dated October 24, 1842 signed by George T Kennon of Henrico County Virginia



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Geo. T. Kennon". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. Below the signature, there is a small, faint circular stamp or seal, partially obscured by the ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[There is a 5-page relating to this officer posted online. Unfortunately, the nincompoop who made the copies of the document decided to do so using a format that rendered them unintelligible as posted. If anyone has a transcript of these documents and is willing to share it with us, we would like to post it on this database.]

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Addendum to Richard Kennon BLWt2298-300

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 6 Aug 2020.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The images are extremely poor.]

Warwick Camp/ May 22 1800

At the request of Colo. Richard Kennon, I have had a reference to papers related to the Revolutionary War. I was entitled to a Captaincy in the 5<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regm't of that War, on the first day of June 1778, and Richard Kennon was a Senior Officer in that Regiment.

W. Bentley L Colo Com'dt [William Bentley S37745]  
[undeciphered] Regm't

I Rich'd Kennon state that after the reduction of the [undeciphered] Regiment [undeciphered] He was again called on to serve in the first instance by General [William] Smallwood, when he commanded [undeciphered] at Petersburg, that he engaged or rather offered to raise company of volunteers to serve during that occasion, but was told by Gen'l Smallwood, that he would prefer his services in another way, which was to be in the Gen'l family [i.e. staff], as he the s'd Kennon was well acquainted with the Country and people thereabouts, that he attended Col. George Gibson [BLWt1985-500] in an expedition below Petersburg and on all occasions rendered his services when called on [illegible] that he was again employed by Gen'l. Stevens [Edward Stevens VAS1922] before and after his retreat from Petersburg – and was on the day of the action at that place [15 Apr 1781] employed on a very dangerous [undeciphered word], reconnoi[page torn]ing [reconnoitering] the Enemy and gave the General the first notice of the intentions of the Enemy, and that he afterwards in the same year viz 1781 did duty at various times with detachments sent out by the Marquis Lafayette who succeeded Baron Steuben in the command of the Troops in this State.

Rich'd Kennon

May 22<sup>d</sup> 1800

22<sup>d</sup> May 1800

Mr. Richard Kennon's first appointment as a Lieutenant was in the year 1775 – he was entitled to promotion in the early part of 1778, and became Supernumerary at the Arrangement of September 1778 [<http://revwarapps.org/b161.pdf>] – he was frequently called into service by the Continental Commanding Officers in this state, as stated by him in the above Certificate – his case appears to me to be exactly similar to those of Capt Briscoe [Reuben Briscoe BLWt81-300] & Lieutenant Hungerford [Thomas Hungerford BLWt934-200].

James Wood BG [BLWt2419-500]

I do hereby certify that Richard Kennon entered the Service of the United States as Lieutenant in the fifth Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment in the month of February One thousand seven hundred and seventy six, and was afterwards promoted to the Rank of Captain. Given under my hand this [illegible] day of July 1807.

Josiah Parker [VAS130] [the rest illegible]