

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Kemp¹ R15581

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Saint Louis November 17, 1852

As one of the heirs of James Kemp deceased late of Richmond Virginia who was an Officer of the Revolutionary War, I hereby Authorized James E Heath to examine the records at Washington City in order to ascertain whether the heirs of said Kemp are Entitled to any further some than has been already paid them, and also what amount has been paid, to whom & when.

S/ W. Nisbet, Nephew
of the late James Kemp

Kemps Pet [Kemp's Petition]

December 4th 1784

Ref. to Claims

Reasonable

Reported

To the Honorable the Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates – the petition of James Kemp sheweth –

That your petitioner in course of last session of Assembly petitioned your Honorable House for the depreciation of his pay & subsistence as Purveyor to the Continental Hospitals created within the State under the direction of Doctor William Ruckman, from June 1776 till February 1781, might be allowed him, with such privileges as were allowed to others who acted in the same department; that your Honorable House passed a resolution directing the Auditors to settle with your petitioner for depreciation of pay & c, which resolution was carried to the Senate on the day preceding the last of the session for their concurrence, where it was referred to the consideration of a Committee, but owing as your petitioner supposes to the hurry of business [indcipherable word] at that period of the session, that Committee did not report it, by which circumstance your petitioner has not been able to avail himself of the resolution of your Honorable House – the prayer of his formal petition remaining still unsatisfied: – He therefore prays that your Honorable House may again direct that the depreciation of his pay & subsistence may be allowed him – and also a grant of land agreeable to the resolution of Congress respecting that department, proportioned to his time of service. – And your petitioner shall pray –

[signature too faint to discern]

¹ VA. Half Pay N. A. Acc. No. 874 See 050 098 Half Pay James Kemp

York Town August 13, 1782

William Scantling of Captain Crump's Company of infantry having furnished a substitute is discharged from the service, provided the substitute is a free man and not engaged in any other service.

S/ Charles Dabney, Lieutenant Colonel S. L.

The affidavit of William Cannon of the County of Princess Anne. This affiant states that he has been in the County of Princess Anne aforesaid; that he is now in the seventy fourth year of his age, that in the latter part of the year 1775 immediately after the battle of Great Bridge [December 9, 1775] he enlisted as a private in the Virginia State line Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Dabney, in a Company of that Regiment commanded by Captain Augustine Tabb, that he remained in service with Captain Tabb from that time to the latter part of the year 1781, that he was with the company at the siege of York and was regularly discharged some months afterwards. He was well acquainted with Dr. Thomas Kemp of Princess Anne. When this affiant entered the service in 1775 Doctor Kemp was then in the Army as surgeon's mate in Colonel Dabney's Regiment aforesaid in which he served as surgeon's mate until the time when the Regiment was discharged in the latter part of the year 1781 as aforesaid Dr. Thomas Kemp was at the siege of York. This affiant is confident of this for he recollects it distinctly. Dr. Kemp was much esteemed by the officers and men and afterwards represented the County of Princess Anne in the Legislature of Virginia. This affiant was also well acquainted with James Kemp, the father of Thomas, and knows that the said James was in service in the Virginia Continental line, how long he served this affiant does not distinctly know, but is confident it must have been more than three years. The particular rank or occupation of James Kemp in the Army this affiant does not know, but recollects he was frequently about the Hospital.

S/ William Cannon

[attested in Norfolk County January 23, 1832]

I certify it appears from a list of such names of the officers of the Virginia State line as received Certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeably to the Act of Assembly passed the November Session 1781, that a certificate issued on the 28th day of November 1787 in the name of Thomas Kent surgeon's mate for £151.11.

Given under my hand in the Auditors Office this 4th day of October 1830

S/ James E Heath, APA

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 14th day of April 1784, in the name of James Kemp, as an Ensign of infantry for £57.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Heitman and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
31st day of December 1832.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia __ Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 1st day of December 1787, in the name of James Kemp, as a Quarter Master for £191.3.3, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
31st day of December, 1832.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

Pension Office May 30th 1851

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator *de bonis non* of James camp, deceased, under act of 5th of July 1832, who was an Ensign & Quarter Master in the State Garrison Regiment of the Virginia line in the revolutionary war & find that he was entitled to half pay as a Quarter Master in said Regiment from the reduction of the same, to wit the first day of February 1781 to the 15th day of December 1795 the day of his death, at the rate of \$78 per annum, his half pay as Ensign having been adjusted under said act at the [indecipherable word]² department in January 1833: and that the said half pay as Quarter Master is payable to Robert W Bigelow the administrator *de bonis non* of Richmond Virginia.

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