

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Kemp<sup>1</sup> R15582

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At a court held for Norfolk County the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 1832.

The Court doth certify upon the service factory evidence that James Kemp of Princess Anne and Sarah Wilkins widow of William Wilkins of Norfolk Borough are the heirs and only heirs of Dr. Thomas Kemp formerly of the Revolutionary Army and a resident of the County of princes and at the time of his death.

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Test

S/W H Wilson, Clerk

Executive Department November 13, 1832

The Heirs of Thomas Kemp are allowed Land bounty for his services as a Surgeon's mate in the State line for the war if not heretofore drawn.

The Register will issue a Warrant accordingly

S/ John Floyd

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The affidavit of Thomas Bonney.<sup>2</sup> This affiant being duly sworn saith that he is now in his seventy third year, that in the winter of 1775 & 1776 he entered the service in the Virginia line in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dabney, in a company commanded by Captain Armistead. He was born in the County of Princess Anne and was well acquainted with Dr. Thomas Kemp of that County. He found Doctor Kemp attached to the Regiment of Colonel Dabney in the character of surgeon or surgeon's mate, he does not recollect which, when this affiant entered the service, and is certain that the Doctor served with the Regiment until after the battle of York and until the Regiment was disbanded. This affiant was not at the siege of York himself but was marched to that neighborhood shortly afterwards, where Captain Armistead having resigned, the company was placed under the command of Captain Ewell. This affiant has lately obtained a pension from the United States for his revolutionary services.

S/ Thomas Bonney, X his mark

[attested June 12, 1833.]

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<sup>1</sup> Va. Half Pay

<sup>2</sup> [Thomas Bonney S6688](#)

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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 Dr. 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 July 23, 1832]

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I William Corbell doth hereby certify that I was well and intimately acquainted with Doctor Thomas Kemp of this County that the said Thomas Kemp was a surgeon's mate in the Virginia state line in the Revolutionary war and I believe from what I have heard him say that he was attached to Marshall's state artillery and afterwards to Dabney's Legion, and I know well that he remained in service until after the battle of Yorktown I knew Doctor Kemp whilst in the Army and our acquaintance continued to the day of his death was about the year 1792 he was a man of great respectability and well known I feel confident in saying that Doctor Kemp never did resign his commission but remained in service until regularly discharged which was a short time after the battle of Yorktown. As witness my hand & seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1848

S/ Wm Corbell {seal}

[Attested in Princess Anne County April 6, 1848]

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At a Court held at the Courthouse for the County of Princess Anne the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1792 Ordered that the Sheriff sell according to law on 3 months credit the personal Estate of Thomas Kempe, Gent: deceased and returned the same of according to law.

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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 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1787, in the name of Thomas Kempe, as a Surgeon's Mate for £151.11.0, which Certificate appears to have been

delivered to Edward Valentine and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1849.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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The affidavit of John Murphy of the Borough of Norfolk. This affiant maketh oath that he was well acquainted with the late Doctor Thomas Kemp of Princess Anne County. At his death he left a widow and three children to wit Francis[,] James and Sarah now the widow of William Wilkins. The widow is dead, as also Francis, who left no issue. James and Sarah or his heirs at law. Doctor Thomas Kemp died about the year 1789. He was the son of James Kemp of Princess Anne who died about the year 1783.

S/ John Murphy

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

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S/ William Cannon

[attested in Norfolk County July 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1830

S/ James E Heath, APA