

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Kennedy¹ R15594

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Wednesday September 10th 1783

Army.

Warrant to James Kennedy for one

year's interest on account dated this day No. 548

in part of the balance of his pay as Lieutenant & Adjutant

of Infantry in the State Line

£3.0.0

Ditto to Ditto for Ditto No. 549 &c

6.0.0

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2.12.2

The above is truly copied from Day Book No. 5 given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond this 7th day of November 1849

S/ Jas. E. Heath, 1st Aud. Va.

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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 10th day of September 1783, in the name of James Kennedy, as a Lieutenant & Adjutant for £171.16.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to ___ and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
7th day of November 1849

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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Pension Office

November 21, 1849

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of James Kennedy, deceased, who asked for half pay for the service of said Kennedy as Adjutant in the Virginia State Garrison

¹ VA. Half Pay See N. A. Acc. No. 874 #050099 Half Pay James Kennedy

Regiment, half pay as Lieutenant having been already allowed, and I find that under the act of the 5 July 1832, and the decision of the Department of the Interior in the case of William Graves, he is entitled to his \$6.50 per month for Kennedy service as Adjutant from the 6th of February 1781 to the 10th of March 1828: and that the amount is payable to Granville Kennedy of Henrico County Virginia, administrator of James Kennedy, deceased: to be paid in drafts at New York in favor of said Kennedy, one for the 3rd of the amount, and the other for two thirds of the amount, to be sent to him from Stanardsville, Virginia.

S/ J. L. Edwards [James Lewis Edwards]
Commissioner of Pensions

Approved
S/ T. Ewing [Thomas Ewing]



Secretary of the Interior

Entered this in Book 5 July 32

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Louisa County Legislative Petitions

To the Legislature of Virginia

The petition and Memorial of Albert Kennedy, Nancy Kennedy, Granville Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennedy, Charles Kennedy, George Kennedy, Barbara Kennedy, and Washington Kennedy, respectfully represents to your Honourable body, that they are the heirs and legal representatives of James Kennedy deceased that the said James Kennedy enlisted in the Army of the Revolution in the Virginia State line, that the said James Kennedy was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and continued in service to the close of the War. That the said James Kennedy was promised by the Government after he became a supernumerary Officer half pay for life, upon condition that he would continue to hold his commission and to render service when demanded of him by the Government to the end of the War, which condition was fully complied with by the said James Kennedy, which will fully appear by reference to the evidence here with filed.

Your petitioners beg leave further to represent that the said James Kennedy during his lifetime never received the promised rewards for services rendered either in half pay, commutation pay, or any other consideration whatever.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honourable body will allow them the commutation of five years full pay in lieu of half pay for life. Your petitioners appeal with confidence to that Justice and liberality which has heretofore Governed the Legislature in extending to them the same relief and measure of Justice, which has been extended to others under similar circumstances.

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray &c

[Reverse]

Heirs of James Kennedy
December 23rd 1829
Referred to R. C. [Revolutionary Claims]

Louisa County to wit

This is to certify that James Chambours [sic, James Chambers]² of the County aforesaid, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he was well acquainted with James Kennedy an officer in the Virginia State line and served under him, he being Lieutenant and Adjutant in the Spring of the year 1777 and saw him at Sundry times between that time and the 29th of May 1780 and served under him, alternately until the defeat of Col. Beautorts [Abraham Buford, Battle of the Waxhaws, May 29, 1780] at which time he the said Chambours was severely wounded, he likewise saw him in service when General Lafayette's Army passed through Louisa County to the point of fork, and that he believes that the said Kennedy served to the end of the revolutionary war, that he has frequently heard him the said Kennedy say so himself.

Given under my hand this 17th day of December 1829

S/ John Graves, JP

Louisa County to wit

This day appeared before me in the County aforesaid a Justice of the peace in said County, Martin Kennedy of the County of Hanover & made oath that he was intimately acquainted with James Kennedy during the Revolutionary War & that the aforesaid James Kennedy did serve throughout the War. Given under my hand & seal this 18 day of December 1829

S/ William Dabney, JP

[Note: There are no additional documents relating to this veteran in the [Virginia Half-Pay record on Fold3.com](#)]

² [James Chambers R1836](#)