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Pension Application of John Cannaday R1654

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[Capitalization and punctuation partly corrected.]

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On this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honourable John L. Bridges Judge of the Casey Circuit Court now witting, John Cannaday a Resident of Casey County & State of Kentucky aged Sixtynine years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, about the first of September 1781 he joined Capt Charles Callaways Company of militia who belonged to Colo Callaways rigiment of Virginia militia this was in Bedford County State of Virginia, who march us through Prince Edward County through Petersburg crossing James River at Swans point then on through James town WilliamsBurg & on to General Washingtons head quarters, at yourk Town [sic: Yorktown] Viginia, was then transferred from Colo Callaway to Colo [partly illegible, but may be St. George Tucker's] Regiment in General [Robert] Lawson's Brigade. Served during the seage at Yourk town [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] was at the serender of Cornwallis's whole army at yourktown & then was discharged from the services & returned home making a tour of near three months & while at yourktown a certain Stephen Jones Inlisted in the Contanettal troop of horse commanded by Colo Washington [William Washington, then a prisoner of war in Charleston SC] for three years & served seven or eight months in said Troop & then deserted the service of the united states & returned to Bedford County Virginia, my residence and there prevailed on me to take his place which I did as a substitute for said Jones upon a new Inlistment, which was for during the war, this being the punishment put on Jones for his desertion he being returned as a deserter, was compell to serve the whole war this Inlistment was about the first of July 1782 at Cumberland Old Courthouse Virginia, being the General Randavouse, the redgement to which I then belonged was commanded by Colo Feebecker [sic: Christian Febiger], belonging to Capt Kirkpatrick's [probably Abraham Kirkpatrick's] Company in said Regement, Served at that place until about October following, then was transferred to Capt Yaubers [sic: Yarborough's] & Capt Deades [sic: Dade's] Troops who was on their march to the South to join Colo Washingtons Regement of horse was there taken sick & not being able to march was then Furlowed by [illegible word] those Capts to return home and remain there until I recovered my health then was to return & join my Troop going to the South or where ever Colo Washingtons Troop of horse could be found. Accordingly In March following I left home on the hunt of said Regement & marched to New london Campbell County & was their Stopped [stopped?] by Capt Irish the Commadant of the Garrison at that place & was by him returned as an Invalead to do garrison duty, & continued at that place until near Christmas following. Then was Honourably discharged as a souldeir for the War by the said Capt Irish of the Continental line & Commadant of said Garrison – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesd John Cannaday who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of

memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, for the year 1781 I served as a substitute for Samuel Clator a drafted militiaman of Bedford County Virginia, three months as before stated & for the year 1782 I served as a Regular Soilder as above stated six months, and for the year 1783 I served twelve months as a Regular Soilder as before stated making in all one year & nine months and for such services I claim a pension & will answer the several Interragaries prescribed by the War Department (first Interragatories) Answer Born in King george County Virginia in the year 1763 March 14<sup>th</sup>. Second Interragaries Answerd, I have no record of my age Seventh Interragatories, Answered John Peerey & Jesse Coffey [are neighbors who can swear to his character for veracity and the belief of his service] Sworn & subscribed the date above [?] John Cannaday

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: Jno. Kennady, age 19, height 5' 8½", dark hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, planter, living in Bedford County, born in King George County, enlisted in Bedford County on 28 July 1782 for duration of war. "in the room of Stephen Jones 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg of Drag[oons]."

On 10 May 1836, and again on 11 June, John Cannaday applied to have his pension transferred to Montgomery County IL, where he had moved for the following reason: "That from a misfortune by the loss of his property in Kentucky and not being able to support himself in that State he was under the necessity of coming to Illinois to seek assistance from is son." On 6 Sep 1836 he deposed that he had never been able to sign his name.

On 1 Jan 1844 Mary Kennady, 83, applied for a pension stating that she was the widow of John Cannaday, who died 15 Dec 1836. In support of her application she submitted the marriage record and family record transcribed below. On 2 Dec 1844 Robert Kanaday, Esq. deposed that he was the son of John Cannaday, that some members of the family spelled the name with a C and some with a K, and that his father stated that the proper spelling was with a K, and that the family record had been written by his older brother, John Kanaday, deceased, more that 30 years before.

James Kanaday was Born January th 27, 1788

John Kanaday Was Born August th 26, 1789

Robert Kanaday Was born September th 24, 1791

William Kanaday Was Born January th 8, 1796

Sophiah Kanaday Was Born th 3 of May 1798

Patsey Kanaday Was Born June the 24, 1800

Elizabeth Kanaday Was born May the 9, 1806

"These are to certify all whome it may Consern that John Kennady and Mary Shearer both of Campbell county virginia have been joined together in Matrimony march 26 according to law by me James Kenney

Peter hisHmark Hunter 1787

~~Jesse[?] hisXmark Kennady~~

James H Sutterfield