

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

### **Pension Application of William Kemp**

**R 5856**

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[Original spelling and punctuation retained]

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[This page is too faint to read, except for the date and signatures. It is likely supporting testimony for the application of the children of William Kemp ]

September A.D. 1843  
William Rawls

John W. Mann, Justice of the Peace  
for Gadsden Co Fla

Witness  
Seaborn Rawls  
J H Kendle

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State of Florida  
Gadsden County

I do hereby certify that the within Statement of William Rawls<sup>1</sup> was taken by me and is in my handwriting that Said William Rawls was very infirm and feeble and remained in his bed while I wrote his Statement. And when[?] entirely unable to attend in open court Said Rawls resided in Gadsden County Florida and was receiving a pension as a revolutionary Soldier. That Said Rawls has since I wrote this died the Said statement remained in my hands until 1846 when I [ ]ed it to C.H.Blood

Sworn to this 30<sup>th</sup> July 1847

J. Ferguson [?]

Before  
James M. Gilchrist  
Judge of Probate [?]  
[ ]

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand  
and offer the proper seal of my said office  
this the July 30<sup>th</sup> 1847

James M. Gilchrist  
J.P.G.C. [?]

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<sup>1</sup> Almost certainly FPA S47905

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State of Georgia  
Decature County

Be it remembered that on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1846, personally appeared Rev. John W. Mann, and made the following Declaration in Open Court before the Superior Court of said County (now sitting in said County) in order to obtain for the children of William Kemp deceased the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 and all other Acts, said Kemp was entitled to at the time of his death, That he is the Administrator of said Wm Kemp (deceased) late of Decature County Geo., that this Deponent was intimately & personally acquainted with said Kemp since 1810 \_ That he married the daughter of said Kemp in 1811, in Washington[? or Wilkinson] County Georgia, that this deponent had been much in the Company of his Father in Law and often heard him speak of being a Soldier in the Geo and SC Militia[?] and that he enlisted in Georgia in the Continental Establishment (as this deponent believes) that from his Words[?] and Narrative[?] of his life, he has learnt the following That said[?] Kemp was born in the state of N.C. that his father died when young. His mother married a man by the name of [unreadable]<sup>2</sup> and settled in Rugleys Mills in Kershaw District S Carolina [?] that when the Revolutionary War broke out said Kemp was at his sisters [?] in Wilkes County, Georgia that [unreadable] to the Georgia troops that deponent believes him to have been in Captain Dooleys Company under Habersham and Clark said Kemp returned home to his father in laws in Kershaw District SC that he believes him to have been in Col. Kershaws<sup>3</sup> Regt. that he has heard him speak of serving under Gen. Elijah Clark & Col Twiggs, McIntosh[?] Col. Marshalls<sup>4</sup> Regt. and of one Capt. Nettles<sup>5</sup> that this deponent is very certain that said Kemp was a soldier to the close of the war, and had enlisted to serve to the end of the same, that said Kemp said he served about seven years in the Revolutionary War, of which fact this deponent is fully satisfied.

That after the Close of the Revolutionary War said Kemp married the widow Kittles in Washington Co. Geo. about 1791 – That the Said William Kemp & Mary his wife had five Children born in lawful wedlock of whom two are living (only) to wit Mary Mann wife of this deponent and George W. Kemp both residents of Gadsden Co. Fla. that he presents to the Court his family bible containing the records of his family together with his parents etc.[?]

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The record Commences as follows to wit

Rebecca Mann mother of John W Mann was born Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1765  
William Kemp father of Mary Mann was born Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> [or 15<sup>th</sup>] 1751  
Mary Kemp Consort of Wm. Kemp was born March 5<sup>th</sup> 1759  
John W. Mann (this deponent) was born February 8<sup>th</sup> 1785  
Mary Mann Consort of John W. Mann was b. March 23, 1785 (that was the third child of his parents,) the said Wm. & Mary Kemp[?] and then follows the births of Twelve children sons & daughters of John W. Mann and his wife Mary (formerly Kemp)

Deaths as Stand recorded in family record to wit

William Kemp father of Mary Mann departed this life July 21<sup>st</sup> 1834  
Mary Kemp Consort of William Kemp departed this life December [?] 1834  
Arnold Mann father of this deponent departed this life August 1<sup>st</sup> 1819[?]  
Rebecca Mann Consort of Arnold Mann departed this life February 1836

[ ] is the records of deaths of some of the children of deponent and wife (Mary Mann)

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<sup>2</sup> Testimony of soldier's son Geo. W. Kemp in this file says the name was Sunderson.

<sup>3</sup> Eli Kershaw

<sup>4</sup> Probably John Marshall

<sup>5</sup> Probably Capt. William Nettles FPA R7599

That the foregoing record is correct, and as it stands stated in his family bible, that it was copied by his request in the handwriting of Geo. T. Codding [?] into his large family bible from some leaves of paper sewed into a small family bible, and that the same was transferred by copying as aforesaid some 4 years since.

That said Wm Kemp died at the house of deponent in Decature County Geo. on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1834 -----

That Said[?] Kemp moved to Wilkinson Co Geo. about 1815 and to his[?] house in 1831, that this deponent often heard said Kemp spoke of seeking[?] a pension for his services in his life time, but that his mind was impaired very much, and that no attempt was made, and that said Kemps name is not on the pension roll [ ] any State at this time. That said Kemp was married to Polly Cattle [Mary Kittles] in Washington Co. Geo. previous to 1794. that his widow the said Polly died at his house December 1834 That I 1843 I was informed by Mr. Wm Rawls ([can't read]) Gadsden County Fla that he was acquainted with said Wm Kemp while he was in the Revolutionary Army. I applied to Hon. David Levy Rep. who advised me to call on Mr. Isaac [Sunderson?] in Quincy and if I could find any living proof

[Transcriber at this point about 7 lines concerning Rawl's affidavit are not readable]

That said affidavit is dated Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1843 and is herewith attached to accompany this statement. That said William Rawls has since died

[Name of official not clear]

John W. Mann

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State of Georgia  
Decatur County

Be it remembered that on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1846, in Open Court before the Superior Court of said County now seting\_\_\_ personally appeared George W. Kemp of Gadsden County Florida and made oath in due form of law, that is is the lawful Son of William Kemp (deceased) late of Dacature County, Georgia, that his father the said Wm Kemp was a revolutionary soldier, that from his Statement, and from his oft conversation with the soldiers with whom he served (in his lifetime) this deponent is satisfied that his father the said Wm Kemp was a revolutionary soldier, and served seven years in the War of the Revolution \_\_ Among the officers he has heard his father speak of serving with are the names of Genl Elijah Clark, Habersham, McIntosh[,] Kershaw, Capt Dooley, Nettles, Horton, Twiggs[,] Marshall & this Deponent cannot remember the rank each officer held at the time, but has heard his father speak of the battles he was in, in Georgia, that he does not know that his father was any other than a private soldier\_\_ that his fathers first and last[?] service was performed in Georgia as this deponent has heard and believes, but he has heard his father speak of doing much service in South Carolina when the Georgia troops were driven from the state by the Brittish & Tories \_\_

That his father was born in (N.C.) that his father died when the said Wm. Kemp (father of this deponent) was young and his Mother married a man by the name of Sunderson and Settled near Ruglys Mills Kershaw District (SC) that after the close of the War the said Wm Kemp married and settled in Washington Co Geo[rgia] about 1791 and removed to Wilkinson Co Geo about 1815 that he continued to live in Wilkinson Co Geo till about 1831 when his Father and Mother moved (to their Son-in-laws) Rev. John W. Mann's where they lived till 1834 and both died in said County at said John W. Manns house in Decature Co Geo That his Father the said Wm Kemp died on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1834 and his Mother Polly (Mary) Kemp died in December following, that this deponent had four brothers and sisters all of whom died young except Mary Kemp the present wife of John W. Mann\_\_ That this Deponant and Mary Mann are all the children living of said Wm Kemp that they now reside in Gadsden County Fla. that Said John W. Mann is the Adr. of said William Kemps Estate and duly authorized to settle the same.

Geo. W. Kemp

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Comptroller Genls. Office  
Columbia 13 Septbr. 1847

Indent Book  
Y No. 466

Issued 21 Nov. 1785 to William Kemp for 53 pounds, eleven shillings and five pence, sterling, for Militia duty in 1779 & 1782 per Acct. Audited £53.11.5 Sterling

The State of South Carolina

To William Kemp

1779 To 40 days duty, as horseman, in Captain Amos Horton Company in Col Kershaws Regiment at 20 s[?] per day commencing 10 Nov and ending 19 Dec £40

1779 " 60 days duty as footman in Cap A. Horton' company, Kershaws Regt. Commencing 23 Feby ending 28 April @10s[?] pr day £30

1780 " 260 days duty as horseman in Capt. Wm Nettle's Company Col. Marshals Regt. Commencing 8 Nov. ending 20<sup>th</sup> June 1781 at 20s per day £260

1781 " 30 days duty as horseman, in same Company, and Regt. Commencing 18 August ending 14 Sept. at 20 s per day £30

1782 " 40 days duty as footman in Cap Nettles Company, Marshal' Regt commencing 4 Feby ending 5 April at 10 s per day £20

1782 " 30 days service as horseman, in Nettles Comp. Marshals Regt. Commencing 20 Augu ending 20 Sept @ 20 s per day £30

(460 days) Curren[cy?] £410  
Sterling £58.11.5

from which sum the commissioners deducted 26 days from the 3<sup>rd</sup> tour of duty £5. .

£53.11.5

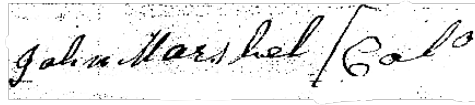
I do hereby certify the above to be a true copy taken from the records of this Office  
William C. Black  
Comp. Gen.  
Ben Hart



	The whole amount in South [Carolina] Currency and in Sterling	£410 58	0 11	0 5
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I do hereby certify the above amount to be Just and true

S/ John Marshel / Colo



Camden District

Personally Came before me William Kamp he being Duly Sworn Saith that the above account as it Stands stated is Just and true and that he Never Received any Satisfaction for The Same Sworn to this 21 of May 1785

Before me S/ William Welsh, JP

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Received 21 November 1785, full Satisfaction for the Within, and an Indent No. 466 – Y per Order

S/ John Rutlede



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Gentlemen/ Please to Deliver to the Bearer John Rutledge my Indent or Indents as I have authorized and empowered him To Receive the Same and this my order with his Receipt Shall Be your Sufficient Discharge for the Same

I am Gentlemen your most Humble servant

Camden District

S/ William Kamp, X his mark

To the Publick Treasurers in Charleston

Signed in the presence of me William Welsh, JP

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1785