

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Kendall R5857 Elizabeth Kendall f25VA
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State of Kentucky County of Hardin Sct.

On this 21st day of October in the year 1839 Before the Justices of the Hardin County Court being a Court of Record, now in Session Personally appeared Elizabeth Kendall of said County of Hardin and State aforesaid aged seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Benjamin Kendall, who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War and entered the service of his Country in the County of Prince William in the State of Virginia as a regular for the term of ___ in the Regiment of Colonel George Rogers Clark and marched with the said Regiment out to the now State of Illinois and assisted in taking Kaskaski [Kaskaskia], and other places, how long the said Benjamin served in said Regiment the declarant does not now recollect of hearing him say but she is confident it was upwards of three years. He the said Benjamin served in the same Company with one Jacob Vanmeter late a pensioner on the Roll of the Kentucky agency from Hardin County Kentucky. The discharge and other papers of the said Benjamin was given to one Jerry Kendall a few years since for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land still due for the services of the said Benjamin which papers the said Kendall says is lost, She further declares that she was married to the said Benjamin Kendall in the County of Stafford in the State of Virginia on the first day of September 1786. That her husband the aforesaid Benjamin Kendall died on the 16th day of February 1817. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. She further declares that she knows of no record evidence of her marriage nor of the age of her Children.

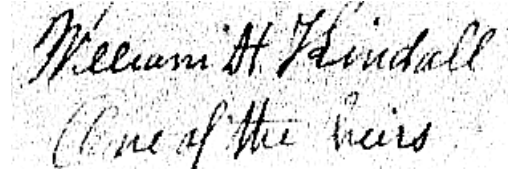
S/ Elizabeth Kendall, X her mark

[p 4: A very faint image of what appears to be a certified copy of a marriage license issued in Stafford County Virginia on August 29, 1786 for the marriage of Benjamin Kendall to Elizabeth Jameson daughter of Alexander Jameson.]

[p 5: Deposition dated October 17, 1839 given in Hardin County Kentucky by Enoch Kendall, 52 years old the 26 day of last June in which he states that he is the son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Kendall; that he recalls hearing from his father from his earliest recollection that his father served as a soldier under Colonel George Rogers Clark in the taking of Kaskaskia on the Wabash River in Illinois; that his father died February 16th, 1817; and that his mother remains a widow.

He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 8: Letter dated Hodgenville Kentucky September 28, 1853 addressed to LP Waldo [Then Commissioner of pensions] from one William H Kindall [sic] in which he states he is an heir of Benjamin and Elizabeth Kindall [sic] but he does not state his relationship to them.



[p 10: Survey of a 100-acre tract of land in the "Illinois Grant" recorded 15th April 1789; surveyed for Benjamin Kendall and certified by the Clark County Indiana Recorder of deeds.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Petition for bounty land

Heirs of Benjamin Kendall – soldier Illinois Regiment

The only evidence in support of this claim is the testimony of one witness – Jacob Vanmeter – who says that Kendall enlisted as a soldier in the Regiment under the command of General Clark; and served to the end of the war.

The Pay rolls of the Companies in the Illinois Regiment do not named Benjamin Kendall as a Soldier in that Regiment

I made a report to the late Governor of officers & Soldiers of the Illinois Regiment entitled to land, & Benjamin Kendall's name is not on that report. I have no proof furnished by public documents, of his being a Soldier of the Illinois Regiment.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c.

May 17th, 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

State of Kentucky Hardin County: I Thomas Morrison Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Kentucky do hereby Certify that Jacob Vanmeter¹ is a credible witness and that he personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and made oath that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Kendall Deceased of Hardin County Kentucky. That he was enlisted Soldier in the Illinois Regiment under the command of Colonel George R Clark that this deponent served as Ensign in the said Regiment and that the said Benjamin Kendall continued in the Illinois Regiment and did duty until the end of the War and this deponent further states that Elizabeth Kendall widow of the said Benjamin Kendall and her son Enoch is the only heirs of said Benjamin Kendall who was a soldier in said Regiment and that they are living in the said County of Hardin Kentucky.

Given under my hand and seal this 9 day of November 1833

S/ Thos. Morrison, JP

¹ [Jacob Vanmeter \(Vanmetre, Vanmatre\) W8798](#)