

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abel Kendrick R5861

f42NC[sic, SC]¹

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State of Georgia, Hall County: SS

Personally appeared in Open Court before Joseph Dunagan, Wiley E. Wood, & Nehemiah Garrison, Justices of the Superior Court of said County now sitting at a Court of Ordinary, Abel Kendrick, a resident of said County, aged seventy five years, the 14th Day of March 1834, 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated.

Sometime in the Spring of the year 1779, I volunteered into the Company of Capt. William Grant as a private militiaman for a three months tour of duty, was marched to a place called Fair Forest [sic, Fairforest], where I joined the Regiment of Col. William Wofford and marched to Augusta in the State of Georgia, though we were stationed on the South Carolina side of the River. General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] had command of the Army at this place. After remaining at this place until my term of service expired, I was discharged and returned home.

In about two or three months after getting home, I was drafted for a three months tour as a private militiaman into Capt. William Grant's Company, marched to Fairforest and joined Col. Brannon's [sic, Thomas Brandon's] Regiment and marched to Savannah in the State of Georgia and attacked the British forces in the city [Siege of Savannah, Sept. 16 1779- October],² but were repulsed and compelled to retreat. The Regiment then returned home. My term of service having expired, I was discharged by Capt. Grant & returned home.

Sometime in the year 1780, I was again drafted for three months as a private militiaman into Capt. James Steen's Company and joined the battalion of Major Jolly [Benjamin Jolly] & the Regiment of Col. Brandon and marched to Charleston in South Carolina and from thence to a place called Camden in a river called Wateree, at which place my term of service ended and I returned home.

After being at home a short time, I was again drafted for three months as a private militiaman into Capt. Grant's Company and attached to Col. Brandon's Regiment and marched to

¹ The HeritageQuest version of this application is much more legible than is the Fold3.com version.

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

Blackstock's Ford³ on Tiger [sic, Tyger] River where we had a slight engagement or skirmish with the British, in which engagement the British retreated, but our officers, believing the enemy would be reinforced that night ordered a retreat eight or nine miles and encamped. Shortly after this, my term of service expired & I returned home.

Sometime in the year 1781, I was again drafted into the Company of Capt. Robert Montgomery for a tour of three months and attached to Major Jolly's Battalion and joined the Army under the command of Genl Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and marched to the Eutaw Springs, at which place we had a general engagement [Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]⁴ with the British. Genl Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] being chief in command at this place on the American side. I was in this engagement which I think was the 8th day of September 1781. I was discharged shortly after this engagement and returned home.

Sometime in the spring of the year of 1782 I was drafted for a three months tour against the Cher [text torn, probably 'Cherokee'] Indians, was under the command of Lieutenant Henley and Col. Kilgore [Benjamin Kilgore]; at the end of said tour which was spent in marching from one Indian town to another. I returned home after suffering with hunger and fatigue excessively.

In a short time, I was again drafted for three months against the Indians and marching in various directions through the county for three months; was discharged. (and for which last two tours I hereby relinquished all claims, being informed that it is not required by the department as military service) I have no documentary evidence except those herewith submitted.

I hereby relinquish all claims to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

1. I was born in Hanover County, State of Virginia on the 14th day of March, 1759.
 2. I have a record of my age at home.
 3. I lived in what is now called Union District, State of South Carolina when called into service. I remained in Union District, South Carolina until about twenty years ago when I removed to Franklin County, State of Georgia & from thence to Hall County where I now live and have lived for the last thirteen years.
 4. I volunteered into the first tour of duty and was drafted in all the others.
 5. I recollect to have seen Generals Greene, Pickens, & Williamson; Cols. Brandon & Kilgore & Major Jolly
 6. I never received any written discharge, they all being verbal.
 7. Elijah Taylor, James Gilmore, Col Ez'l Buffington, & Samuel K. Oliver, Esqr, & Middleton Brooks, & the Reverend Wiley E. Wood are persons in my present neighborhood & who would testify as to my character &c
- Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year first written.

S/ Abel Kendrick, X his mark

S/ Joseph Dunagan JHC

[Wiley E. Wood, a clergyman, and Elijah Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

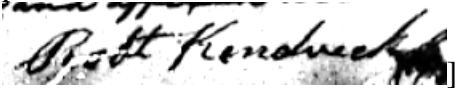
[p 3: On November 23, 1852 in Cobb County Georgia, Robert Kindrick [sic], 62, a resident of said state and County filed as the son and heir of Abel Kendrick, deceased, saying his father died in August 1836 in Hall County Georgia; that his mother, Juda Kendrick, died a few weeks

³ Seemingly the veteran is referring to the Battle of Blackstock's Plantation, November 20, 1780, but that engagement was more than a 'slight engagement.'

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

thereafter in the County of Forsyth Georgia; he does not know the time of their marriage; that his parents were residents of Union District South Carolina.



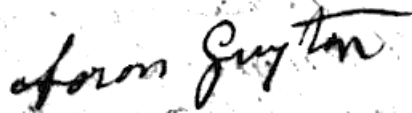
[p 4: September 5, 1853 in Hall County Georgia Robert Kendrick, James P. Kendrick, H H Beall and James M Kendrick signed a bond for \$500 in behalf of Robert Kendrick as the administrator of the estate of Abel Kendrick.]

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Georgia, Hall County: Before me Samuel K Oliver a Justice of the Peace for said County this day personally came Aaron Guyton of South Carolina who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was intimately acquainted with Abel Kendrick in the time of the Revolutionary war and that he was a Revolutionary Soldier, for I served with him at the battle of the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina on the American side.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th September 1833

S/ Aaron Guyton⁵



S/ Saml. K. Oliver, JP

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Georgia, Hall County: Before me John Whelchel a Justice of the peace for said County this day personally came John Whelchel Sr. of [illegible]⁶ who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was intimately acquainted with Abel Kendrick in the time of the Revolutionary war and that he was a Revolutionary Soldier for [he] served with him at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina on the American side.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 24 of May 1834

S/ John Whelchel, JP

S/ John Whelchel Snr.⁷

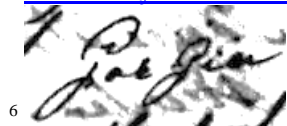


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To the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions

The this Memorial of the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Abel Kendrick deceased, respectfully showeth; That he is informed and believes, that the said Abel was a soldier in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War, and that he served faithfully during said war in behalf of his Country, and thereby, under the laws of the United States was entitled to a pension for his Revolutionary Services. That the said Abel Kendrick, in his life

⁵ [Aaron Guyton W21237](#)



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⁷ [John Whelchel W6498](#)

time, made application for and submitted testimony with a view and for the object of obtaining a Pension from the Government. That your memorialist has been informed and believes, that the application of the said Abel, was, in his lifetime, for some calls unknown to your Memorialist, suspended, and that his application and the accompanying testimony sustaining the validity of his claim, remained a oh file in the Pension Office on determined on. That the said Abel Kendrick (who was the Father of your Memorialist) departed this life, intestate, in the County of Hall, State of Georgia on the 23rd day of August A.D. 1836, leaving at the time of his death, a widow, Judy Kendrick, and seven children. That his widow, Judy Kendrick, departed this life, intestate, in the County of Forsyth Georgia, on the 28th day of September in the same year -- and that your memorialist is the sole administrator of the Estate of said Abel Kendrick deceased.

Your Memorialist prays that the application of the said Abel Kendrick deceased, together with the evidence their widows of file, may be taken up and examined, and such allowance awarded to your Memorialist as administrator as aforesaid for the benefit of the children of the said Abel Kendrick, as would have been entitled to receive, as a Pensioner at the time of his death.

And your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray etc.

Marietta Georgia

S/ Robt Kendrick

December 8th 1853

[p 38: On September 6, 1853 in Forsyth County Georgia, Henry Beall and Elizabeth Beall gave testimony that they were intimately acquainted with Abel Kendrick and his wife Judy Kendrick formerly of Hall County Georgia; that Abel Kendrick died in Hall County Georgia on or about August 23, 1836 and was buried there; that affiants took Judy Kendrick to their home in Forsyth County Georgia where she died September 28, 1836; that Abel & Judy Kendrick were originally of Franklin County, then removed to Jackson County, and when Hall County was organize, were cut off into whole County.]

[p 40: On December 3, 1853 in Cobb County Georgia, Amariah Hembree and Sarah Hembree gave testimony substantially identical to that given by Henry Beall and Elizabeth Bell as transcribed above.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁸ relating to Abel Kendrick
Audited Account No. 4226

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[No. 2886 Book X 30th of May 1786]

Abel Kendrick For Militia Duty in Brandon's [Col. Thomas Brandon's] Regiment, since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's

⁸ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[Col. Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] amounting to
[old South Carolina] Currency £50.0.0
Sterling £7.2.10 ¼

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received the Amount of the within Account in an Indent No. 2886 X
S/ Abel Kendrick, X his mark

Test

S/ Thomas Nicholls

[p 3: Restatement of the above service except in a slightly different format]

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 2886 Book X]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by the veteran by his mark.]