

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kent R5875

Susan Kent

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State of Georgia Columbia County: For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828, I, John Kent, of the Seventh District in the County of Columbia, in the State of Georgia, do hereby declare that I enlisted on the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for and during the war and continued in service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Parsons company in the Second Regiment of the Virginia line. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778. And I do further declare, that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828, on the pension list of the United States. And I also further declare that I was engaged in and fought in the following Battles viz., Bunkers Hill [bunker Hill, June 17, 1775] and received a wound in the left hip by a musket ball, Rhode Island [August 29, 1778], Brandywine [September 11, 1777] Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Jerman Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], Schuylkill and received another wound with a buckshot in the right hip, which shot still remains in the hip, Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], Camden [probably the battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] at which place my left leg was broken in many pieces by a canister shot, and frequently since the leg heats up, pieces of bone has come out, and one last spring and I do further declare that I was eighty years old the first instant, and in very indigent circumstances, and has a large family to support which I am not able to do from manual labor. And further declare that my discharges and certificate for the reward of eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 were destroyed by fire burning my Master's house about twenty years after the close of the revolutionary war.

Sworn to and subscribed before me 6 October 1828

S/ John Megahee, JP

S/ John Kent, X his mark

[p 6: On September 13, 1855 in Columbia County Georgia, Susan Kent, 95, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 and other acts stating that she is the widow of John Kent who she believes was a soldier in the revolution holding the office of Drum Major; that she believes he entered the service in the state of North Carolina sometime in 1776 and was discharged in 1783; that he served under General Andrew Pickens; that he fought at the battles of Augusta, Kettle Creek, and at Blackstocks; that her husband applied for a pension but for some informality in his papers, he was not placed on the pension list; that she married him the last day of February 1792 and that he died February 14, 1846; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application

with her mark.]

[p 17: On November 12, 1855 in Columbia County Georgia, John Arrington, 90, gave testimony that he knew John Kent the husband of Susan Kent; that he knows that John Kent was a soldier and drummer in the Revolution in the state of South Carolina and was at the siege of Augusta in 1781, at Briar Creek, at Charleston, Stono and other places; that Kent was a good drummer and honest man and died poor. The affiant signed his affidavit with his mark.]