

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Kincaid R5929

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State of North Carolina, Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Sessions
1833

On this first day of July 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in Buncombe County aforesaid now in session James Kincaid a Resident of said County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina aged Seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1833

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the Service as a volunteer under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and Colonel Bratton [William Bratton] and was attached to Captain Moffet's [John Moffett's] Company some time about the last of the month of May A.D. 1780 for thirty days and that he served under said officers during the term of thirty days and at the expiration of that time immediately enrolled himself again for forty days which term he served under the above named officers (having volunteered first in York District South Carolina) That he was first marched into Lancaster District South Carolina in the Indian Land on Clem's branch. That he was shortly after his first enrollment marched to Fishing Creek in New York District South Carolina and was there in the engagement under Captain Moffet and Colonel Bratton, at Hook's defeat [sic, Hucks' defeat, or the Battle of Williamson's Plantation, July 12, 1780]¹ and that shortly thereafter he was marched to Rocky Mountain [sic, Rocky Mount, July 30, 1780]² and was there in that engagement under the command of General Sumter Col. Moffet [sic, Col. William Bratton?] & Captain Moffet where General Sumter's Army was Repulsed and was then marched to Hanging Rock and there in that engagement [Battle of Hanging Rock, August 6, 1780]³ commanded under the same officers where we failed of success by a reinforcement of the British Army from Rocky Mount but we marched off in order and we shortly thereafter marched back to the fort on Clem's Branch we were thence marched near to Camden on the evening that General Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]⁴ and from thence we marched under General Sumter to Fishing Creek near the line between York & Chester Districts where we were overtaken and defeated [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780]⁵ by the British on the Second or third day after Gates defeat and shortly thereafter this Declarant's term of forty days

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

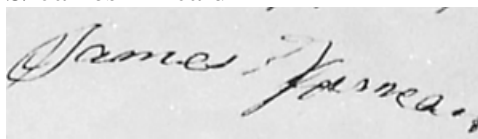
³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

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

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

had expired and he in a few days was called by Captain Moffet to go on a Scouting party and he volunteered not for any stated time but continued in the Service under the same officers at the least two months and he thinks near three months and on the day after Tarleton's defeat [Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781]⁶ he was at the taking of some of his men he then [was] called on in this spring of 1781 he thinks in April under Captain Venable [James Venable] and volunteered and marched under him and Colonel Bratton and Colonel Moffett (who had previously commanded him as Captain) and Joined the Army commanded by Colonel Lacey [Edward Lacey] on the North side of the Congaree River at a place called ankroms [sic, Ancrum's] fields a few miles from Columbia South Carolina from there he was marched to Friday's fort [Fort Granby, May 14, 1781]⁷ and was at the taking of said fort and shortly after the taking said fort this declarant returned home by the consent of his officers after having served about five or six weeks without receiving any written discharge. That in said 1781 he again volunteered in Captain Brooks [Peter Brooks] and Captain Lindsey's [John Lindsay's] Company and served about three weeks when he was discharged by consent of the officers but only received a verbal discharge and not at any time received a written discharge. This Declarant states that he was in the service of the United States on scouting parties from time to time before and after the services herein described and between the times here mentioned he thinks not less than six months but is unable through age and the loss of memory to give the times and periods of it precisely and has therefore confined himself to that part which he recollects more correctly. He has no doubt that if he could have the memory he once had he could so described his Services as to prove something more than twelve months service which is the estimation he has always made of it. That he was during the whole of the time in service as a horse man he never served on foot but entirely as a horseman. That he knows no person living by whom he can prove his Service as above stated that he has no documentary evidence of his Service having never received a written discharge he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ James Kincaid



Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer 1st I was Born in Tyrone County in Ireland in Europe on the 11th day of February 1762

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer 2nd I have no record of my age but recollect it from the statement of my parents

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer 3rd I was living in York District South Carolina when called into the Service where I remained for upwards of twenty years afterwards I then moved to the State of Tennessee where I remained about nine months I then moved [to] North Carolina Buncombe County about 27 or 28 years ago I have lived here ever since and now live on Class [?] Creek in said County

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer 4th I volunteered at every tour and served on my own horse entirely

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served,

⁶ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

⁷ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer 5th I do not know that I saw any Regular officer whose name I can Recollect. General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was near the fort at the time we took it (IE) Friday's [fort] but I did not see him I saw part of his Army also saw a part of General Gates troops the day he was defeated I think 200 of them were sent to our camp that evening, which are the only Regulars or Continentals I recollect of – I recollect Colonel Bratton's Regiment in which I served and Colonel Lacey, Col. Neel [Thomas Neel], Colonel Brannon's [sic, Thomas Brandon's] Regiments are all except Colonel Winn's Regiment from Fairfield district do not now recollect as to the General Circumstances of my service I believe all the most notable occurrences are stated in the foregoing Declaration as fairly as I can recollect them

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer 6th I never received a discharge in writing but was always discharged verbally by the commanding officers

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer 7th William Kinsey and Daniel McCarson

S/ James Kincaid

[William Kinzey, a clergyman, and David McCarson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁸ relating to James Kincaid
Audited Account No. 4303

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[No.] 520 Book R

Mr. James Kincaid his Account of Sundries for Militia use Amounting to
£22.2.10 ¼ Stg. [Sterling]

N: B: no Receipt for a horse &c charged £90 Currency or £12.?.1 ½ Stg. included in the above Account

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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So. Carolina Camden District } Came Before me the Subscribing Justice and made Oath, Samuel Burns & William Kincaid, that a certain Horse Saddle & Bridle Lost by James Kincaid in General Sumter's Defeat [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780] was worth £90 – Currency. Sworn to this 11th May 1783

S/ Malcolm Henry

New Acquisition So. Carolina } I do hereby authorize and Impower the bearer Col. John Moffett to Receive an Indented Certificate to the amount of my Publick account and Settle with the

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.

Treasury for the same

Given under my hand this 12th of September 1785

To the Commissioner of the Public Treasury

S/ James Kinkide



Test before me S/ Jno. Moffett, JP

State of South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to James Kinkade [sic] for personal Services done one
Tower [tour] under Captain venerable 15 days at [paper damaged and text missing]

per day	£15
Horse Saddle &c	90
Total	£105

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	brought over	£105
To 50 days Duty at 20/under Captain Moffitt		<u>50</u>
		<u>£155</u>
	Sterling	£22.2.10 ¼

Received 13th June 1785 full satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 520 Book R by in Order
S/ Jno. Moffett



[p 8: Printed form of Indent No. 520 Book R]

[p 9: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by John Moffett and others]