

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Kipps R5984

Catharine Kipps

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State of Virginia, County of Montgomery SS

On this 19th day of February 1834 personally appeared before Charles Black a Justice of the peace for Montgomery County Michael Kipps a resident of __ in the County of Montgomery and State of Virginia aged seventy-four years, 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Navel or Nevel [perhaps John Neville] was the name of his Colonel, Leonard Cooper the name of his Captain. The names of the other officers he has forgotten: He entered the service (being drafted) sometime in the month of April in the year 1777 served a tour of twelve months, and left the service in the month of April 1778; a short time after which, the month he has forgotten, he entered the service the second time, as a substitute for Henry Stalp, under Captain George Riddle the other officers forgotten, and served three months, two months of which, as also the aforesaid twelve months service is proved by the accompanying affidavit of Jacob Kipps and afterwards to wit in the month of August 1781, he entered upon a third tour as a volunteer under Captain Cocker [probably a mistaken attempt to identify Michael Coger] the names of the other officers forgotten, and served two months making in all seventeen months your applicant served. He resided in the County of Rockingham in the State of Virginia, when he entered the service, and in every instance went from the aforesaid County of Rockingham Virginia: The first time he was drafted, the second time was a substitute, the third a volunteer, as stated above. He marched from Rockingham in Virginia to the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, from thence to Elizabeth Town in New York, from thence to Fish Kill from thence to Robinson's plains from thence to Middlebrook in the State of New Jersey, and through various other parts of the country not remembered. He only recollects the names of two regular officers, with whom he served Captain Steal & Captain Brown. He was engaged in a small battle at a place called Edmonds Hill, a small battle at Norfolk, and was at the taking of Cornwallis which was the end of his service. He has no documentary evidence of his services, he received a discharge but has lost it. And knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services but Jacob Kipps whose affidavit accompanies these papers. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Michael Kipps, X his mark

[Jonas McDonald and David Keister gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Jacob Kipp's of the County of Shenandoah & State of Virginia do hereby certify that Michael Kipps now of the County of Montgomery and State aforesaid did serve in the revolutionary war twelve months in the year 1777 or 1778 as near as I can recollect & two months in the spring of the year (under Captain Riddle) I believe in 80 or 81 & two months more when Cornwallis was taken under Captain Cocker and in every instance went from the County of Rockingham in the state aforesaid.

S/ Jacob Kipps,¹ X his mark

[Attested in Shenandoah County February 3, 1834]

State of Virginia

On this 8th day of September 1840 personally appeared before the County Court of Montgomery, now in session Mrs. Catharine Kipps a resident of said County aged about eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows". That she is the widow of Michael Kipps who was a private in the War of the revolution, and who entered the service in the County of Rockingham Virginia on the ___ day of April in the year 1777 and served a tour of twelve months under Colonel Naval or Neval [perhaps John Neville], and Captain Leonard Cooper, at the end of the twelve months he was discharged. That a short time after (the month not recollected) he again entered the service in said County as a substitute for Henry Stalp under Captain George Riddle, the other officers not recollected, and served three months and in the month of August 1781 he again entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Cocker [likely a mistaken attempt to identify Captain Michael Coger] the names of the other officers forgotten and served two months. During his services he was marched to Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, thence to Elizabeth town in New York, thence to Fishkill or Fishkiln, thence to Robinson's plains, thence to Middlebrook in New Jersey, and through various other parts not recollected, he was engaged in the small battle at Edmonds Hill and a small battle at Norfolk; She further declares that she was married to the said Michael Kipps on the 26th day of April 1782, that her husband the aforesaid Michael Kipps died on the ___ day of June 1835, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. That she was married to the said Michael Kipps in the County of Rockingham by the Reverend Mr. Barriger or Barringer by virtue of a publication of banns, that she knows of no documentary evidence by which he can establish her marriage nor does she know of any living witness at this late period, by whom she can prove it.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written.

S/ Catharine Kipps, X her mark

I do hereby Certify that Michael Kips was drafted from Rockingham County and State of Virginia either in the year 1777 or 78 and was sent on to Winchester & did serve a tour of twelve months, but I do not recollect the name of his Captain. I also know he served another two months tour in the spring of 1780 or 81 under Captain Riddle, and two months near about the time of the Surrender of Cornwallis, under Captain Coker. I was with my Brother Michael Kips and under Captain Coker. I do also know that Michael Kips was lawfully married to Catharine Millenbarger sometime during the year 1782. Further I do not recollect – given under my hand

¹ [Jacob Kepps \(Kipps, Kips\) W7993](#)

this 4th day of November 1840

S/ Jacob Kips, X his mark

[Acknowledged in Shenandoah County Virginia November 4, 1840]

New Market 11 March 1843

Affidavit of George Kipps Senior

First I have a knowledge of Michael Kipps serving in the Revolutionary War he served a tour of twelve months, I know not what particular place or can, but recollect of his writing home during the time of his services to his Father, George Kipps; – that letter came from Mecklenburg, the Officers he served under I do not recollect the names.

S/ George Kipps, X his mark

Witness

Henry Kipps