

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Kennedy (Kenady) R93  
and Thomas Alfred

Susan Alfred<sup>1</sup>

f32VA

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[p 8]

State of Virginia, Amherst County to wit

On this 25 day of March 1847, before me John Warwick a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Mrs. Susan Alfred, – formerly Susan Kenady, – maiden name, Dillard – a resident of said County, aged 83 years – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed July 7, 1838, and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 1842, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the widow of Thomas Alfred deceased of said County who was a Regular Soldier in the revolutionary war under General Washington, and was at the battle of White Plains [October 28, 1776] under him, and was his Miller at one time and that after his time as a Regular Soldier under Washington was out he enlisted in the Sea service under his uncle Captain \_\_\_ Hartshorn [? Hartsborn or Hartshom] and was in said Service at the time of the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. She can give no further account of the above Service or the Captain's name and he was under as a regular soldier.

That she is the former widow of Jesse Kenady deceased of said County also – who was also a soldier in the Revolutionary War both as a minute man and an enlisted soldier perhaps in both cases under Captain Samuel Cabell – for she has heard her first husband Jesse Kenady say frequently that he was under Captain Cabell – who carried his men to the North in time of the revolution! And that he served a tour also after that at the Barracks in Albemarle near Charlottesville. That her memory is so bad, that the above is all that she declarant can recollect of her two husbands' Services. The first of which Kenady – she claims under in her own right, – as above and under Alfred – what pension was due him in his own right – according to the Act of July 7, 1832 [sic, June 7 1832]. She also declares that she was married to the said Jesse Kenady on the \_\_\_ day of October 1786 [sic, 1780], to 1799 – the same year or before that Cornwallis was taken; that her husband the aforesaid Jesse Kenady died in said County on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1799, or 1800 – it being 47 or 48 years ago that he died; 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. She further declares that after the death of her husband aforesaid, she was married to Thomas Alfred aforesaid on the \_\_\_ day of April 1803 or 4, – it being only 3 or 4

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<sup>1</sup> Former Widow. Note on cover sheet: "This woman also applied for the pension of her other husband, Thomas Alfred, See Service and Virginia. See papers within."

years from her first husband's death – and that he the said Thomas Alfred died in said County on (or about) the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1832; and that she is still a widow.

S/ Susan Alfred, X her mark

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State of Virginia, Amherst County to wit

On this 8 day of September 1848, before me Jesse Mundy a Justice of the peace in and for said County, duly authorized by law to administer oaths personally appeared Mr. Charles Mays a respectable resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say – That he is 62 years old, and recollects hearing his Father Joseph Mays deceased of said County say that himself and his brother George Mays deceased of Georgia enlisted during the Revolutionary War under Captain Samuel Cabell, who was a recruiting officer in said County – and was afterwards transferred and put under Captain Joseph Pannil who marched his company to Georgia and that he the deponent – Charles Mays – recollects further of having heard his father, the said Joseph Mays, say that Jesse Kennedy enlisted under Captain Samuel Cabell at or about the same time that himself, and his brother George Mays did – and was marched to the South to Georgia and that he the said Jesse Kennedy was either in the same company with his father Joseph Mays and George Mays under Captain Joseph Pannell – or that he was in the same Regiment with them under Colonel \_\_\_ Elbert [probably Colonel Samuel Elbert of Georgia] – he thinks his name is that John Newman was in the same company with them – and his father Joseph Mays had his land allowed him of 350 acres for his services – and was laid off for him and that his name is found on the rolls in the Executive office in Georgia.

S/ Charles Mays, X his mark

[Attested September 30, 1848]

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State of Virginia, Amherst County to wit

On this 17 day of March 1847, before me John C Whitehead a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared William Cashwell<sup>2</sup> a highly respectable resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say, – That he is 85 years old – and was well acquainted with Joseph Kennedy – or Canada – during the Revolutionary War, the same person who married Susan Dillard of said County – between the year 1785 and 90 – before deponent was; which was in 1791. That said Jesse Kennedy served in the Revolutionary war under Captain Samuel Cabell in 1775 or 76 as a minute man for several months – and he thinks, while acting in said capacity his company was down as low as Williamsburg before they returned. That while in said service he, Kennedy, enlisted in the Regular Service, for at least two years, if not three, – for he was gone from the County something like three years before he returned home from said enlistment, and that he was in the northern Service, while gone, as deponent understood. Deponent is not positive who the said Kennedy enlisted under but is impressed that it was Captain Samuel Cabell – for it was about the same time in 1776 that James Dillard,<sup>3</sup> John Philips,<sup>4</sup> John Tyree, Robin Hudson, William Johnson enlisted and went off to the North – as is his impression under said Cabell. Deponent may be mistaken as to the Captain, but that he is not as to the fact of said Kennedy's serving in the Revolutionary War, both, as a minute

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<sup>2</sup> [William Cashwell W3771](#)

<sup>3</sup> [James Dillard W7019](#)

<sup>4</sup> [John Philips VAS172](#)

man, and also as an enlisted Soldier. Said Kennedy, or Canada, died in said County over 40 years ago, and his widow Susan married Thomas Alfred, who is also dead.

S/ William Cashwell, X his mark

[p 7: consent dated October 10, 1780 signed by Joseph Dillard can sitting to the issuance of a license for the marriage of Jesse Kennedy to his daughter Susanna Dillard.

Also, certified copy of a marriage bond dated 16 October, 1780 issued to Jesse Kennedy and Edmund W Cox conditioned upon the marriage of Jesse Kennedy 2 Susanna Dillard Spinster of Amherst County.]

[p 5: Copy of a marriage bond dated April 5, 1805 issued to Thomas Alfred and Francis McHenry in Amherst County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of Thomas Alfred to Susannah Kennedy (widow).]