

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Kennedy S13617

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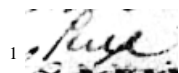
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Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Trigg: SS

This day personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Benjamin Shackelford Judge of the Trigg Circuit Court now sitting Charles Kennedy of the County & State aforesaid aged 69 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 of June 7th 1832.

Charles Kennedy states that he was born in New Jersey & when a youth in 1779 moved to Jefferson County Kentucky & in 1780 went as a volunteer under Captain Peter Sturgis against the Indians & British emissaries to the Piqua Town in the now state of Ohio. On this expedition had a hard fought battle of three hours & was victorious & returned home after an absence of [indecipherable word or words]¹ three months – During the fight Joseph Grundy the Brother of the Honorable Felix Grundy² fell by his side – Season 1782 in October went out again under Captain Hynes against the Indians & British emissaries where he had a slight skirmish on Mad River where they took a town & a store of goods kept by a British Agent – On his return home he was placed on the spy company under Captain Bladen Ashby & were sworn by Colonel Lewis.

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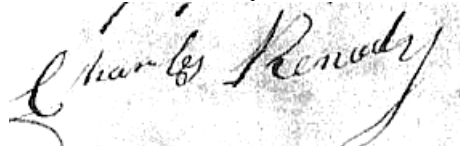
² GRUNDY, Felix, a Representative and a Senator from Tennessee; born in Berkeley County, Va., on September 11, 1777; moved with his parents to Brownsville, Pa., and in 1780 to Kentucky; instructed at home and at the Bardstown Academy, Bardstown, Ky.; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Bardstown, Ky., in 1797; member of the Kentucky constitutional convention in 1799; member, State house of representatives 1800-1805; chosen judge of the supreme court of Kentucky in 1806, and, in 1807, made chief justice, which office he soon resigned; moved to Nashville, Tenn., in 1807 and resumed the practice of law; elected as a Democratic Republican to the Twelfth and Thirteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1811, until his resignation in 1814; member, Tennessee House of Representatives 1819-1825; in 1820 helped effect an amicable adjustment of the State line between Tennessee and Kentucky; elected as a Jacksonian in 1829 to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy in the term ending March 4, 1833, caused by the resignation of John H. Eaton; reelected in 1833 as a Democrat and served from October 19, 1829, to July 4, 1838, when he resigned to accept a Cabinet position; chairman, Committee on Post Office and Post Roads (Twenty-first through Twenty-fourth Congresses), Committee on Judiciary (Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Congresses); appointed Attorney General of the United States by President Martin Van Buren in July 1838; resigned in December 1839, having been elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate on November 19, 1839, to fill the vacancy in the term commencing March 4, 1839, caused by the resignation of Ephraim Foster; the question of his eligibility to election as Senator while holding the office of Attorney General of the United States having been raised, he resigned from the Senate on December 14, 1839, and was reelected the same day, serving from December 14, 1839, until his death in Nashville, Tenn., December 19, 1840; chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Twenty-sixth Congress); interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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During service he was out & separating from his Captain was shot at by the Captain. He states that the service he was employed as a spy embraced a period of more than six months. He has no documentary evidence of his services, nor are there any persons now living who can prove his services. Removed to this his present residence some twenty-six years ago where he has resided ever since. – I am well known to Mr. Wm Coy [William Coy] who moved to Kentucky in 1783 & who lived near me from the year '83 to this period & moved to this County some few years after he did – And who knows from the general conversation of the Country that I performed the service stated. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in the United States –

Sworn to & subscribed this 27th day of August 1832

S/ Charles Kennedy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Kennedy". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

[Dudley Williams, a clergyman, and William Corey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]