

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kidwell S13638

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State of Kentucky, Madison County: Sct.

On this 13th day of August, 1832, personally appeared before the Worshipful, the County Court of Madison, John Kidwell, a resident of said County and State of Kentucky, aged 79 years the 23rd instant, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year of __ with Sergeant Burke and was enrolled in the company of Captain William Temple Cole, and served in the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina line, under the following officers as well as he can now recollect, Captain William T. Cole, Major Davies [William Richardson Davies], Colonel Thomas Polk, and General Nash [Francis Nash]. He is not able to say when he left the service, as he has little or no learning and kept no papers or memorandums [sic]. He resided in Roan [sic, Rowan] County North Carolina at the time of his enlistment, and when he entered the service. He was at Charleston, South Carolina at the time the battle took place at the White House, but was on guard. He was also on guard in Charleston during the battle at Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776].¹ Generals Moultrie [William Moultrie] and Lee [Charles Lee], he thinks, commanded. From Rowan County North Carolina he marched to Charleston, South Carolina and then back again to Wilmington, &c in North Carolina. He thinks he marched backwards and forwards several times. He was stationed at Hasley's Point [sic, Haddrell's Point] near Sullivan's Fort about three months. General Nash commanded there. He has no discharge nor any documentary evidence of this service. And the said John Kidwell also makes the following further declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service as a drafted militia man for three months under Captain Cole [William Cole], about the 4th of January 1781. He was under Major Pogue and was commanded by General Davidson [William Lee Davidson]. He marched to Catawby [sic, Catawba River] immediately after rendezvousing – remained there till the 4th day of February and was in the battle at that place, where General Davidson was killed [Cowlings Ford, February 1, 1781].² He then marched to Salisbury, from thence toward Guilford, and was discharged either in Guilford or Rowan County North Carolina, at Abbott's Creek. He would further state that he served one other tour of three months as a drafted militia man previous to this time. He cannot state the year or month it was in. He well recollects being stationed at Salisbury, North Carolina, where he guarded the public pasture about two months, and drove a public wagon about one month. He was under a French officer, who he thinks was called Major Monflorenc [James Cole Mountflorenc?] (or some such

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

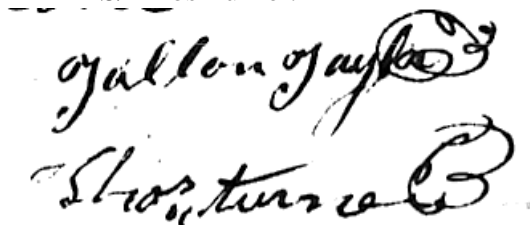
name) who commanded the militia, and who gathered provisions for the troops at Salisbury and Frohock's Mill. Captain Gamrell he thinks commanded the Continental troops. Captain Stokes, Major Lewis, Captain Marbery, Captain Yarberry [sic, Yarborough?], Captain Gordin [sic, Gordon?] (commanded the 18 months men) were the Continental officers stationed at Salisbury at the time he served this tour. Those are all the particulars he can recollect. He has no discharges, or documentary evidence, nor does he recollect ever receiving any. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any State. Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Kidwell, X his mark

[Talton Taylor, a clergyman, and Thomas Turner gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition Thomas Turner stated as follows: "Thomas Turner further states that he knows of his own knowledge that said Kidwell served the three months stated in his declaration as commencing on the 4th of January 1781. He was in the same company and messed with him during that period. Said Turner further states that there was a call for 18 months men, and each class of 18 men had to furnish a man, as well as he recollects, and said Kidwell was hired by the class, and as he understood enlisted for the 18 months. He went out at this time in the service and remained as he the deponent thinks the 18 months. He has also an indistinct recollection of Kidwell's serving the tour at Salisbury as guard &c under Major Monflorenc, but of this he cannot be certain.

S/ Talton Taylor

S/ Thos Turner."



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is "Talton Taylor" and the bottom signature is "Thos Turner". Both signatures are written in dark ink on a light background.

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