

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Robertson S15620

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State of Kentucky Breckenridge County: Sct.

On this __ day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Breckenridge County now sitting James Robertson a resident of Breckenridge County in the State of Kentucky aged 75 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 – I served under Captain John Kennedy – Lieutenant William Moore & Joseph Kennedy Ensign. He entered this service in the spring of 1780. He lived at Kennedy Station now in the bounds of Garrard County Kentucky when he entered the service. He acted here in the capacity of Indian Spies [Spy] until the summer of 1780 being not less than three months in the summer 1780 he was ordered out with a company against the Shawnee Indians on the Miami River in the expedition of General George R Clark [George Rogers Clark]. His Captain was named Adams [George Adams] or Woods [John Woods] serving this tour not less than six weeks. Again in the fall of 1782 I went out over the Ohio River with a Company against the Shawnee Indians. I served this tour under Captain John Woods. My Lieutenant was Joseph Kennedy – I started out under Captain Adams but he went no further than the Ohio River. This was also under the command of General Clark – I served this tour not less than six weeks. This tour we had some fighting with the French & Indians. He lived at Kennedy's Station for about four years. And was during that time often called out for some length of time together as an Indian spy and a soldier as above stated & verily believes he served not less than two years in the whole service.

He was born in Albemarle County Virginia he has a record of his age – he now lives in the County of Breckenridge State of Kentucky. He has no documentary evidence of his services. 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

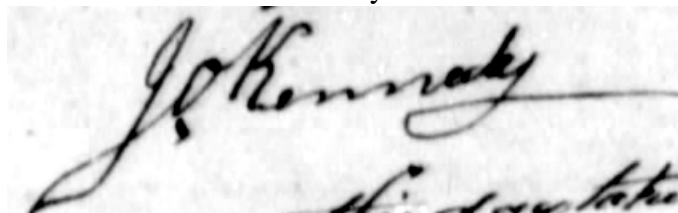
S/James Robertson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Robertson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[James H. L. Moorman, a clergyman and Charles B Alexander, Esquire, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The deposition of Joseph Kennedy¹ taken at the house of said Kennedy in the County of Madison and State of Kentucky on the 15th day of August 1834 to be read as evidence in behalf of James Robertson a citizen of Breckenridge County Kentucky in relation to the services rendered by said James Robertson during the war of the old revolution the deponent being of lawful age and 1st duly sworn deposeseth and saith that he became acquainted with said James Robertson in the fall of 1779 at the place called Kennedy's Station and said Robertson resided at that place between 3 and 4 years, in the spring of 1780 the Indians commenced hostilities upon the Stations in Kentucky and took Martin Station and Riddle's Station in the same year of 1780, the men were then all enrolled – that were in all the stations and entered into Military service and in the same year of 1780, in the same summer of 1780 we went a campaign under General George Rogers Clark against the Shawnee Indians on the [indecipherable word] side of the Ohio River, the said James Robertson went on that campaign under John Kennedy as Captain William Moore Lieutenant and myself as Ensign, at which time we were gone about 2 months, the said Robertson continued in service as a spy under the orders of Captain John Kennedy until said Kennedy was killed by the Indians on the 26 day of December 1780. The summer of 1781, the command of Kennedy's Station then devolved on this deponent as Lieutenant by order of the County Court of Lincoln County Kentucky, then by order of Colonel Benjamin Logan. I was ordered to scout round about that part of the country and [indecipherable word or words] spies on the frontiers (to wit) [several indecipherable words], Rockcastle, Station camp &c all in Kentucky I then appointed the said James Robertson a spy upon the above named route until the year 1782, the time of defeat at the blue lick [Battle of the Blue Licks, August 19, 1782] in Kentucky, he the said James Robertson went with me to bury the dead, he continued in the service until the fall of 1783, at which time he the said James Robertson went a campaign under General George Rogers Clark and George Adams Captain and myself Lieutenant against the Shawnee Indians he the said James Robertson rendered in performance of all the different times of service I am clearly of Opinion amounted to upwards of two years, and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Jo Kennedy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Kennedy". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted. Below the main signature, there are some faint, less legible markings that might be a date or another name.

The deposition of David Kennedy² taken at his residence in Garrard County in the State of Kentucky on the 20th day of August 1834 to be read in evidence in behalf of James Roberson [sic] a citizen of Breckenridge County State of Kentucky in relation to services rendered by said Roberson during the American Revolutionary War with Great Britain and those Indians allied for the purpose of obtaining a pension for services he performed in behalf of said Government did during said war as a private soldier.

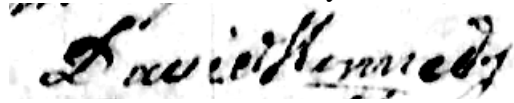
This deponent being of lawful age and first duly sworn deposeseth and saith that he came to the State of Kentucky in the year 1779 and lived in Kennedy Station that he was well acquainted with James Robertson who came to that place he believes the same year and remained there

¹ [Joseph Kennedy S13600](#)

² FPA W7973

several years that he well recollects of said Robertson being in that service in the years 1780 and '81 and perhaps longer but cannot recollect how long and what amount of service he performed but recollects they were frequent and he was esteemed an active man and forward to perform duty. He also states he has read the deposition of Joseph Kennedy of Madison County and same state here named dated the 15th of August 1834 and has no hesitation in believing from his best recollection it is all true and further this deponent saith not.

S/ David Kennedy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Kennedy". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]