

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kite S21334

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: SS: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Session 1835

On this 23rd day of February 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid now sitting John Kite a resident of said Hawkins County & State of Tennessee aged about seventy-one 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. That whilst residing in Rockingham County in the State of Virginia in which County he was born – this declarant was drafted to serve three months under Captain Cravens [Robert Craven], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Harrison [Lieutenant Colonel been human Harrison] of the Militia in the spring of the year 1780 about the first of April of that year and was accordingly marched under said officers with others whose names are not now distinctly remembered, to Tygers Valley [Tygart's Valley] in Greenbrier County, where the people had fortified and were threatened with an attack by the Shawnee Indians, Before reaching that place – the Indians made an attack on the whites, but were repulsed and when this declarant reached the battleground the whites were still apprehensive of another attack, by an increased force of the Indians, in consequence of which, this declarant, with his company, under the command of Captain Cravens, was stationed at a Fort called George West Falls¹ fort [George Westfall's Fort, ¼ mile south of present Beverly in Randolph County West Virginia], called by the name of the owner of the ground on which said Fort was built – and this declarant remained in Service at said Fort until his three months expired which was about the first of July 1780 or thereabout, having served fully three months from the first of April 1780 and was accordingly discharged or permitted by Colonel Harrison to return home – but no written discharges were given that declarant knows of –

This Declarant further states that in the spring of the year 1780 another call for troops was made to march to Norfolk Virginia to guard that place against the incursions of the British and accordingly this declarant volunteered to serve six months in Captain Stephen Conrad's company in the Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Nall [William Nail or Nolle was the County Lieutenant of militia], and was marched from Rockingham County, where declarant still

¹ *George West Falls fort*

lived to Norfolk by his officers about the middle of March 1781 and was stationed at Norfolk, when he with other troops remained until about the middle of September, or thereabouts when his company was discharged by his Captain Stephen Conrad, but if he got a written discharge (which he is not certain he did) it has long ago been lost or mislaid having served altogether in said two campaigns nine months –

He does not recollect serving with any Continental troops and knows not the name of any regular officers being at either of the above places, though it is possible & he saw some at Norfolk but he does not recollect their names. He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no other person than George Kite, who resides in Hawkins County, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services – He has no record of his age – He is acquainted with David Rowan and Samuel Spears a revolutionary pensioner at the Knoxville agency – and who reside in his neighborhood, besides George Kite also a neighbor of his – and who will testify as to his veracity and services – there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood. He has lived in Virginia & Tennessee since the Revolutionary war.

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 in open Court this day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Kite, X his mark

And on the same day personally appeared in open Court George Kite aged about sixty-seven years residing in the neighborhood of the above declarant – and said George Kite being first duly sworn states that he is the Brother of the said declarant John Kite, that he resided in Rockingham County Virginia when he and his said brother were both born during the Revolutionary War and he well recollects of his said Brother being drafted under Captain Cravens and Colonel Harrison – and of his leaving home under said officers, in the spring of 1780, and of his having been gone better than three months against the Indians on Tygart's Valley in Greenbrier County Virginia – He also well recollects of his said brother volunteering in the spring of 1781 for six months to go to Norfolk Virginia under Captain Conrad and Colonel Nall, and that he did not return until the month of September 1781 –

This affiant was not with his brother in either of said campaigns, but he saw him march under the command of his said officers, as stated in his said declaration and heard his said officers say that he served during said periods faithfully and honorably amounting to 9 months in all.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ George Kite, X his mark

[Samuel Spears and David Rowan gave the standard supporting affidavit]

[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.]