

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kenmoure S21850

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State of South Carolina Chester District: In the Court of Common Pleas Fall Term 1832

On this the 24th day of October personally appeared in open Court before me __ one of the Circuit Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said District now sitting, John Kenmoure a resident of York District South Carolina aged about seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, -- to wit:

I John Kenmoure entered the service of the United States in the militia of the State of South Carolina in the year 1777 under the command of Lieutenant John Walker of Colonel Joseph Brown's Regiment. I was drafted. I resided at the time in what was then called Craven County now Chester District South Carolina.

I was marched under the orders of Colonel Brown to Moncks Corner where the Regiment remained about 2 or 3 weeks, from thence we were marched to the ten mile house from Charleston. While the Regiment lay there I was sent to Charleston with a wagon to convey from that place to the ten mile house a load of ammunition for the use of Colonel Brown's Regiment, which I done. A short time after I returned we were marched to Purrysburg where we remained until I was discharged, which was about four months from the time when I entered the service.

In the Spring of the year 1778 I think in the month of March, I was drafted again and was immediately marched from Craven County to Augusta Georgia, under the command of Captain Robert Patton, who was attached to Colonel Richard Winn's Regiment. We remained at Augusta about three months, when we were marched down Savannah River, how far I am not now able to say and crossed the Savannah and marched on towards Charleston, to Bacon's Bridge and from there to Stono. We lay at Stono some time, when I was ordered to Charleston under the command of Lieutenant Prince,¹ where we joined a part of Colonel Winn's Regiment which had been there some time before us. I remained there about one month when I was discharged. I was out about six months from the time I was drafted last to the time I was discharged. I received no written discharge.

In the summer of 1782 I was drafted again and was marched to Orangeburg under the command of Lieutenant William Brockett [sic, William Brocket] of Colonel Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment. We remained at Orangeburg a short time, when I was marched to the four hole bridge, and from thence to the forks of the Edisto [River]. We lay there some time, when I

¹ This MAY be a reference to Lt. Thomas Prince [a/k/a, Lt. Thomas Price] of the 5th SC Cont'l line who died from wounds sustained at the Battle of Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779.

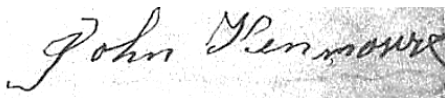
was discharged. I was out this time three months, or about that period I think I was discharged about the last of August.

I was also drafted in the spring of 1781 and marched under the command of Lieutenant James Dunn of Colonel Lacey's Regiment, to the Congaree Fort, which was in the possession of the British. I think it was in the month of May of that year, when we attacked and succeeded in taking the Fort [May 14-15, 1781].² Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] was present when the Fort was taken. I refer to Mr. William Boyd's³ testimony as to my services in the Revolution, and to the Reverend James Lyle and Colonel George Gill as to my age and character &c.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court 24th of October 1832
S/ J. Rosborough,

S/ John Kenmoure



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Interrogatories & answers &c.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A: -- I was born in Ireland in the year I think 1760

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A: -- There was a record of it, but my father's house was accidentally burnt a short time after the Revolution and the record of my age was burnt in it.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: -- I was living in what was then called Craven County South Carolina now Chester District, since the Revolution I have lived in Chester District and at York District South Carolina & I now live in York District.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A: -- I was drafted each time that I went out.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A: -- I recollect Colonel Henry Lee, also performed militia services during the war under General Sumter, Colonel Joseph Brown, Colonel Lacey, Colonel Winn, Captain Robert Patton, Lieutenant John Walker, Lieutenant Prince & Lieutenant James Dunn. I was drafted four times, and was in the service in all about 16 months.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A: -- I never received a written discharge.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

³ [William Boyd W5845](#)

revolution.

A: -- Reverend John B. Davies and Colonel George Gill
Sworn in open Court
S/ J. Rosborough

S/ John Kenmoure

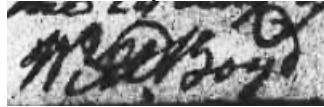
[George Gill⁴ gave a standard supporting affidavit and John B. Davies, a clergyman, gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

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I William Boyd a soldier of the Revolutionary war, residing in the district of Chester, do hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with Mr. John Kenmoure, that I knew him during the war of the Revolution, and that he was in that war, that he was in the Army with me, and marched under the command of ___ [words erased] of Colonel Lacey's Regiment from Craven County South Carolina to Orangeburg and from thence to the four hole bridge. Sworn to & subscribed the 24th day of October 1832 in open court.

S/ J. Rosborough

S/ Will. Boyd



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State of South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of ordinary of Chester District John Kenmoure who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below that is to say in the first Tour in 1777 he served four months, and the Tour in 1778 six months, in the Tour in 1782 three months & in the Tour in 1781 two months And for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & [illegible word] in open Court the 10th day of June 1833 before me
S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

S/ John Kenmoure

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to John Kenmore [Canmoure] [sic]
Audited Account No. 4231

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⁴ [George Gill S21229](#)

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[No. 191 Book I September 8, 1784]
Mr. Jno. Canmoure [sic] his Account of 69 days Militia Duty in 1781
Amounting to £6.17.1 1.2 Stg. [Sterling]
Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]
J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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Fishing Creek 2nd of March 1785

Gentlemen

Please to Deliver to Mr. James Robinson such Indent or Indents as shall appear due to me from the State of So. Carolina or from the United States and this shall be your Sufficient Receipt from your Humble Servant

S/ John Kenmore



To the Commissioners of the Public
Treasury of South Carolina
Acknowledged before me
S/ John McClanahan, JP

Rec'd 8 September 1780 for an Indent No. 191 Book I for Six pounds 17/1 ½ Stg in full Satisfaction for this account By Virtue of an Order
S/ Jas. Robinson



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May the 4th 1781

State of South Carolina to John Kenmoure

For Service Done under Capt. George Neely 15 Days Horse

man's service at 20/ [20 shillings old SC Currency] per day £15.0.0

Do to under Lt. Brocket 42 Days at 10/ per day £21.0.0

Do to under Lt. Mills 12 Days Horse mans service
at 20/ per day £12.0.0

£48.0.0

Stg. $\frac{£48}{£6.17.1 \frac{1}{2}}$

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To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The petition of John Kenmore of York District humbly Sheweth that your petitioner was a soldier in the revolutionary war he turned out in defense of his country in the 16^{or perhaps more} year of his age under the command of Lieutenant Walker Captain Patton's Company went to Purrysburg & remained there better than three months & returned home state a short time then turned out under Captain Patton went to Augusta in the State of Georgia Joined General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] then General Linkhorn [Benjamin Lincoln] then recrossed the

Savannah River then Marched on to Beacon's Bridge [Bacon's Bridge] then went to Stono [June 20, 1779]⁶ was drawn up to fight the British were entrenched & could not get them out of their entrenchments was then sent to Charleston under the command of Lieutenant Prince & remained there about one month then discharged having been out near about eight months & lost my horse in the tour & never got him was not long at home till called out again under the command of Lieutenant Brocket went to Orangeburg then to the four holes bridge then went into the forks of Edisto [River] was there discharged & returned home and was then called out under Commissary Gilbreth [?]⁷ went to the Waxhaws & gathered provisions for the Army as the [they] passed from the North for some time stayed two weeks & returned home, was then called out under Lieutenant Dun went to the Congaree Fort & remained there till the Fort Surrender[ed] then returned home after Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] was defeated [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780] we fled to North Carolina there Joined General Sumter & stayed with him sometime & returned home for the most of his services he drew an Indent & kept it a length of time & sold it for 7 or \$8 he cannot remember which, he would state to your honorable body that he is now old & poor & the Companion of his youth & old age has been afflicted with the consumption for four years and for two years past has been for the most part confined to her bed & no probability of her recovery, he humble he prays your honorable body to place him on the pension list in order to assist him in procuring some of the comforts of old age your petitioner having slender claims on life being in the sixty seventh year of his age & your Petitioner are ever in duty bound will pray

S/ John Kenmoure



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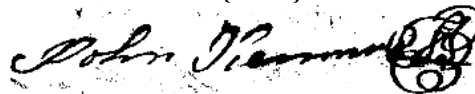
South Carolina

York District} John Kenmore personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice & being sworn says he holds a tract of land by a lease for years & that he has a part of a tract of deeded land of Seventeen & a half acres agreeable to the Original grant that he owns one Negro^{say} which was bequeathed to him by an uncle now deceased a small stock of horses & cattle & that he performed the services stated in the within^{petition} & all the statements therein made are true. Sworn to before me this 16th day of November 1827

Test

S/ Wm Miller, JP

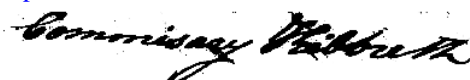
S/ John Kenmore{Seal}



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South Carolina} James Anderson Esquire personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice and being duly sworn says that he was acquainted with John Kenmore as a soldier in the revolutionary war that he remembers to see him frequently in the Army but from the long lapse of time he cannot remember the places that he seen him at, believes he was a good soldier &

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

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stood a firm friend to his country & that he has always supported a good character that he is now old and ^{I believe} in low Circumstances sworn to before me this 27th of October 1827

S/ Jas. Anderson {Seal}

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Anderson", with a circular seal or stamp partially visible to the right of the signature.

S/ Wm Anderson, JQ

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So. Carolina

Chester District } Captain David Patton⁸ personally appeared before me & being duly sworn says that he knew John Kenmore as a soldier in the Revolutionary war that he served with him one Campaign under Captain William Brockett Major a day or we went to Orensburgh [sic, Orangeburg] then to the fore holes [Four Holes Bridge] stayed there two weeks then returned to Orensburgh then went to the forks of Edisto & stayed there 2 weeks & was discharged & that he has always supported a good character & stood a firm friend to his country during its struggle for independence. Sworn to before me this 14th day of November 1827

S/ Geo Gill JP

S/ David Patton

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Patton", written on a horizontal line.

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of David Kenmore praying a pension,

Respectfully Report

That they have considered the same and recommend to this house that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted

November 1827

S/ John McComb, Chairman

⁸ [David Patton S18151](#)