

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Kenedy (Kennedy) S2695

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State of Alabama, Lauderdale County

On the 23rd day of October 1832 before the County Court said County came William Kennedy a resident citizen of the County of Wayne in the State of Tennessee (residing about 20 miles from the town of Florence and where this Court is now in session) aged about 72 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That during the Revolutionary war between the United States and Great Britain and in the year 1776 he enlisted for the term of 18 months in the State of South Carolina in the Service of the United States; whether they were called Unites States Troops or the Carolina Line he cannot now be certain—But knows he enlisted under Major William Henderson. [He] was in a company commanded by Captain John Blasingame in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] the number of the Regiment he does not recall but thinks it was either the 4th or 5th; that he was mustered into the Service at Charleston; marched from there to Savannah; from there to the Altamaha River and was stationed at Fort Barrington; from there they were marched to Charlestown to the Barracks and from there to Hadley's Point [sic, Haddrell's Point] and was there when fort Moultrie was attacked—the British attempted to Land at Hadley's Point [Haddrell's Point] where this petitioner was with the American Army; the Enemy was repulsed. From there they were marched to Seneca against the Cherokee Indians and were in the Battle of Squaw Creek—from there they were marched through the Nation destroying the Indian towns &c.

From there they were marched to Savannah Swamp on the Santee [River] and there discharged having served out the full Term of his enlistment & considerable more. [H]e cannot state the day they arrived or departed from any of the said places before mentioned or the length of time they stayed at either. [H]e cannot State the name of his pay master who paid in this enlistment, as to his discharge, [it] was burned in his house which was also burned.

After he served out his term as above and had returned home the British took Charlestown. The Tories then commenced doing much mischief in the country & all mad. Every man who was friendly to his country was called into service and in fact in that country at that time it was dangerous for a Whig to remain at home, and they were of much more service to the country when they could act in a Body. Men being called for, he volunteered under Captain John Steele, in the State of South Carolina for the purpose of breading up a body of Tories and was at the Battle of Maublys [sic, Mobley's] Meeting

House.¹ To state all the points to & from which they marched from the nature of their Business would now be out of his power. From the Battle of Maublys [sic, Mobley's] Meeting House they went to North Carolina and rendezvoused at Waxsaw [sic, Waxhaw] Meeting House and was on several expeditions; [he] cannot designate the points—they were then marched back to South Carolina and marched in various directions and many expeditions Guarding against the British, Tories and Indians—he was at the Battle of Musgrove's Mills [sic, Musgrove Mill]² under Capt. Joseph Hughes and Col. Brandon [Thomas Brandon]; was at the Battle of Black Stock [sic, Blackstock's Plantation],³ and Stono⁴ under the same officers as also the Battle of King's Mountain.⁵ He was in the Battle of Cowpens⁶ under General Morgan. After the Battle of Cowpens a detachment of forty men was ordered out by General Morgan to view the British Lines, among whom was this petitioner as one of the Said party and in that Expedition the party were attacked and this petitioner was wounded in the arm and under the left nipple, the bullet ranging out through the back; that he was unable for Service for some time and the Tories being so troublesome, he was compelled in this Situation a great part of his Time to lay out in [the] woods concealed; that as soon as he was able he joined the army again.

That although a militia man except the first 18 months he served and was in actual service from the time he first entered the service until the close of this war for as soon as they completed one call against the Tories and British they were called out again--& as such and being in great danger at home unless in larger companies, he was nearly all his time in the Army. He is convinced he served in all at least six years—from the Great length of time past, he does not know of any living Witness by whom he could prove his services; that after the war closed, he resided in Carolina for years, then in Tennessee for 20 years & then Kentucky, then in Tennessee and resides now in Wayne County Tennessee.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name Is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any state and further he lives in a thinly Settled country and that in his neighborhood there are no parsons who can Certify to his character as being a Revolutionary Soldier—none lives nearer him than 10 miles and then in a different County.

Sworn to and Subscribed to in Open Court the 23 day of October 1832.

S/ William Kenedy. X his mark

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

1. Where and in what year were you born?

¹ June 10, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/mobley.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mobleys_meetinghouse.html
² August 19, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/musgrovesmill.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_musgroves_mill.html
³ November 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/blackstocks.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html
⁴ June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html
⁵ October 7, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/kingsmtn.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html
⁶ January 17, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/cowpens.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

Answer: that he was born in the year 1760 in the State of North or South Carolina cannot be certain but thinks South Carolina.

2. Have you any record of your age and, if yes, where?

Answer--He has in his Bible at home.

3. Where were you living when you entered the service and where have you lived since the Revolutionary War?

Answer--he refers to the narrative above.

4. Where were you called into Service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute.

Answer—he refers to his narrative.

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops where you Served. Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your Service.

Answer--For answer [he] refers to the narrative.

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S/ William Kenedy, X his mark

S/ G.C. Posey Judge of the County Court of Lauderdale, Ala.

[Joseph Cockman, William Simmons, James J. May, Thomas Hill, & John Chisholm gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Aron Cunningham, a minister of the gospel gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]