

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Kidwell S2706

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State of Kentucky, Henry County: Sct.

On this 6th day of September 1833 personally appeared before William McCracken one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace in and for Henry County and one of the Justices of the Henry County Court Jonathan Kidwell a resident of said County aged 83 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 is to say: being a resident of Rowan County in the State of North Carolina he entered the service of the United States on the __ day of September 1779 as well as he now remembers as a substitute for one David Bailey as well as he remembers who had been drafted upon a twelve months tour. That he thus entered the service as a private militia soldier and substitute for the said Bailey upon said twelve months tour in the company of Captain Douglass Haydon [Douglas Hayden] – that he was attached to Colonel Locke's [Francis Locke's] Regiment and rendezvoused with his company at Salisbury in the said County of Rowan. That during that tour he was kept stationed a part of his time in Garrison at Salisbury and other parts of it he was stationed at or near the mouth of the Cape Fear River and along the coast aiding in its defense and protection. He states that he was kept actively engaged during the whole of the said twelve months and at the termination thereof having fully and faithfully served out the same he was discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of June in the year 1781 he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a three months tour in a company of Captain Davis – that he was again placed in a Regiment under the command of Colonel Francis Locke that he again rendezvoused with his company at Salisbury in the said County of Rowan where he still resided. That he was afterwards transferred to the command and superintendence of Edm. Gamble [Edmund Gamble], Q. M. Genl. [Quarter Master General] and kept at the said town of Salisbury as an artificer and was engaged during the whole period of his three months tour at that place assisting in making cartridge boxes for the use of the Army and after having fully and faithfully served out his tour he was discharged in writing on the 22nd of September 1781 by writing signed by William Colvard for Edw Gamble D. Q. M. G. which discharge he now has and is herewith shown.

He states that from his advanced age and consequent loss of memory that he cannot recollect any of the incidents of his service but he is confident from his present best recollection he did not serve less than 15 months as a private militia soldier in the manner above stated.

He states that he has no documentary evidence except a discharge from his three months tour as above stated and that he knows of no person except his wife Rebecca Kidwell, whose

testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jonathan Kidwell, X his mark

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the said William McCracken Justice of the peace and member of the Henry County Court as aforesaid:

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Charles County in the State of Maryland in the year 1750.

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

Answer. I have in my Bible at my own house

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

Answer. I lived in Rowan County North Carolina when I entered the service upon each of my tours where I continued to reside until 1784 when I moved to Kentucky in that part of it now known as Madison County, where I continued to live till 1828 when I moved to Henry County Kentucky where I still reside.

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

Answer. Upon my first tour I was a substitute for David Bailey upon my second tour I was drafted

5th 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. My memory has so failed me that I cannot recollect at this time the names of many of the officers. I recollect however General Smallwood, Colonel Martin and Colonel Armstrong who I think were regular officers though I cannot [be] certain as to General Smallwood. I recollect Colonel Caswell and Colonel Locke & Colonel Lacey [?] of the militia. Upon my first tour was kept partly at Salisbury in Garrison and the balance of the time at the mouth of Cape Fear River and along the coast aiding in its protection and defense. Upon my second tour I was Stationed at Salisbury and engaged in making cartridges boxes during the whole period thereof for the use of the Army.

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

Answer. I received discharges from the services signed by my officers one of which I have lost and the other is herewith exhibited signed by William Colvard for Edm. Gamble D. Q. M. G.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I will name Thomas Burress, Absalom McClish.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jonathan Kidwell, X his mark

[John Burriss and Absalom McClish gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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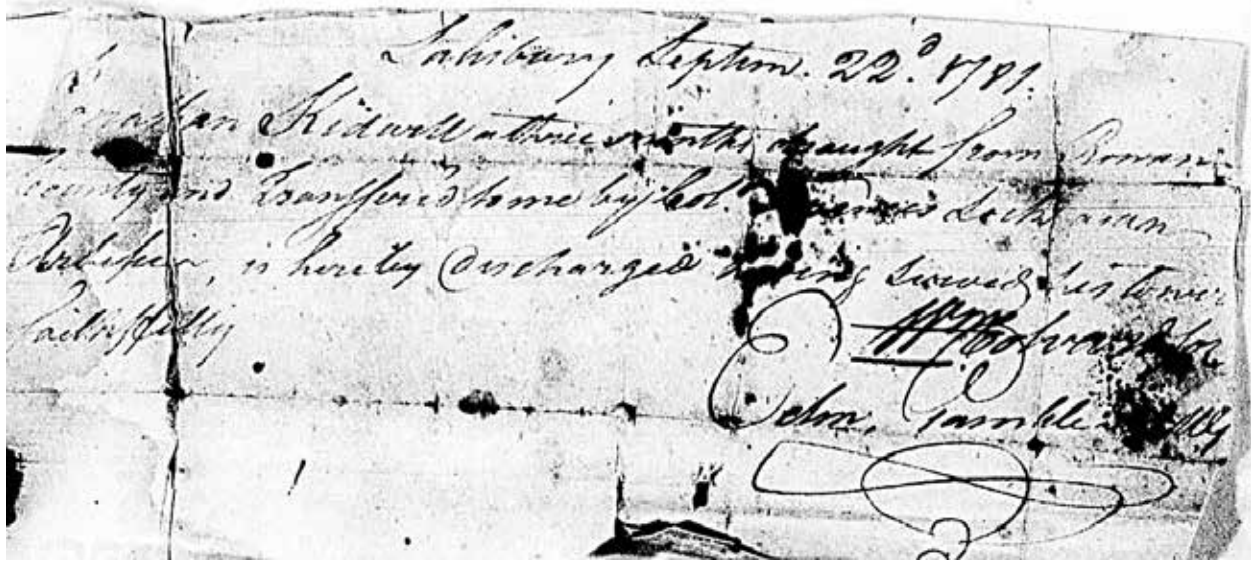
Salisbury September 22nd, 1781

Jonathan Kidwell a three months draught from Rowan County and Transferred to me by Col

Francis Locke as an Artificer, is hereby discharged having Served his tower faithfully.

S/ Wm Colvard for

Edm. Gamble, Q. M. G.



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The deposition of Rebecca Kidwell – taken at the house of Jonathan Kidwell in Henry County Kentucky on the 6th day of September 1833 to be used on behalf of Jonathan Kidwell who is about making his application to the war department of the United States to be placed on the pension roll of the United States as a revolutionary soldier. This deponent being duly sworn states on her oath. That she is the wife of the said Jonathan Kidwell and that she and her husband reside in Henry County Kentucky that she is now 86 years of age and that the age of her said husband is 83 according to his information. That they were married in the state of Maryland in Charles County in the year 1770. That in the year 1777 she and her husband and family moved to Rowan County North Carolina and there remained until 1784. That her husband in the fall of the year 1779 went into the Army and served out a 12 months tour as she understood. That he was gone from home upon that business as a substitute for one David Bailey and she well remembers that he was absent during that period. That she also remembers that he went out again in the year 1781 upon a draft and was gone three months or more and she understood that he was in the service of the United States during that time as a militia soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Rebecca Kidwell, X her mark

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