

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Kennaday (Kennedy) S31181

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State of Kentucky Boone County: Sctt:

On this 7th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Boone County Court now sitting & it being a Court of Record Joseph Kennaday [sic] a resident of said County of Boone aged 70 years this month 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 – (viz.) that in the fall of the year 1780 in the County of Rockbridge and State of Virginia where he then lived, he was drafted to serve a tour of three months of duty under a Captain James Bohannon as a private militia man, and shortly after said draft, he was marched under said Bohannon to Portsmouth in guarding the country against the enemy & he was frequently in Scouting parties during which three months service General Muhlenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg] was principal commander, Colonel Boyer & Major Long were also there in command – After serving such 3 months he was discharged at Portsmouth & returned home.

Sometime after his return home, he volunteered as a private militia man under a Captain James Tilford to perform a tour of duty in a mounted or horse company, they were marched in order to meet Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] & oppose his march in Virginia & they went as far as the White House or Rocky Mills not far from Richmond but when they arrived there Tarlton had left that part of the country & after serving one month on this tour he was discharged & went home. He was with & under a Colonel Bell, & other troops from Rockbridge & Augusta counties in this Service, & did not join any regulars.

Sometime in the latter part of the summer 1781, he was again drafted to serve a tour of three months duty as a private militia man under Captain Andrew more & served said tour of three months by being marched to York town Virginia & in said Service he was in the Siege of York & was there when Cornwallis was taken in said service [October 19, 1781] he was under Colonel Lewis & he also saw & knew Lafayette and the other principal officers in Command. After serving out his 3 months he again was discharged & returned home & then his services in time of the Revolutionary War closed.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Attest

S/ Willis Graves, Clerk

S/ Joseph Kennaday

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Kennaday" followed by a large, stylized flourish.

[Francis Craig, a clergyman, and Robert B Vickers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]