

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Kerr S31186

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The declaration of David Kerr in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. On this 20th day of August 1832 David Kerr personally appeared before the Justices of Scott County Court Resident of said County & State seventy-five years old 18th of February last 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 the 7th of June 1832.

David Kerr states that during the revolutionary war he was a resident Citizen of Virginia in the County of Albemarle. That in the month of August in the year 1776 he commenced [as a volunteer of militia duty for a period of upwards of three months against the Cherokee Indian tribe under Lieutenant Colonel Lewis & Colonel Christie [William Christian] commanded the whole Corps which consisted of 1400 men. He states that about the 1st of March 1778 he entered the service of the United States a regular soldier under Captain John Marks, Abram Murry was Lieutenant, was a part of the 14th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Davis [William Davies] Abram Buford [Abraham Buford] Lieutenant Colonel, Samuel Jordan Cabell Major that he was discharged after serving his two years at the last of February 1780

[indecipherable words] lost his discharge, was at the campaigns, Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], the storming of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] on the Hudson River was in skirmishes not now remembered refers the Secretary of War to the Rolls of his office here his name is found on the list of Soldiers of the Virginia line as stated by the letter of Colonel James L Edwards. [Note: the balance of the document is in a totally different handwriting]

and the said David stated upon his oath in open Court that he does hereby relinquish 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 of aforesaid

Attest: S/ Ben B. Ford, Clerk

[John T Johnson, a clergyman, and R M Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I hereby Certify that David Kerr now of Scott County Kentucky enlisted for two years as a soldier in Captain John Marks Company in the 14th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment and served in the northward Army the year 1778 and 1779. Given under my hand at Georgetown August 20th 1832

S/ A. Buford, formerly Colonel 14th Virginia Regiment

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A Buford ^{formerly in} Co. 14th V. Regt

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]