

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Kiphart (Kephart) S31190

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State of Kentucky Henry County: SS

On this 21st day of December 1833 personally appeared before me William O'Bannon one of the Justices of the Peace in and for Henry County and one of the Judges of the County Court for said County of Henry, Henry Kephart aged 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 the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

This declarant states that he was residing in the County of Shenandoah State of Virginia and in the spring of the year 1782 about the month of March as well as he now remembers a draft was ordered in said County of Shenandoah under which draft a Mr. Stover of Shenandoah County was drafted for a tour of six months. Mr. Stover being unwilling to leave home proposed to the said declarant to substitute in his place and serve out his said tour of six months accordingly for a certain consideration he the said declarant did agree to substitute in the place and stead of the aforesaid Stover and he was presented to Captain Brown and was received in the place of Mr. Stover he the aforesaid Henry Kephart and march with Captain Brown's Company to the barracks near to Winchester Virginia and was there stationed as a guard over the prisoners that had been taken from Burgoyne and Cornwallis. He states that during his tour of six months that he did fully faithfully into the satisfaction of his Officers – discharged his duty in guarding said prisoners after having served out his time for which he had substituted he states he was discharged by his said Captain Brown sometime in the month of September in writing which discharge he states he has lost. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service But is able to prove he rendered the service stated in his declaration by a respectable living witness. 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.

S/ Henry Kephart, X his mark

I Abraham Kephart residing in Henry County Kentucky do certify that Henry Kephart who has sworn to and subscribed the above declaration was a soldier of the revolution and served as he has stated in his declaration I was residing in the County adjoining the Barracks and have a personal knowledge of his service.

S/ Abraham Kephart, X his mark

Questions by the Magistrate

Qus Where and in what year were you born (Ans) I was born in Pennsylvania 1761 – Ques.

Have you any record of your age (Ans) My Father's family register in which my name is recorded is in the possession of my sister. (Ques) Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolution and where do you now live. (Ans) I was living in Shenandoah County State of Virginia when I entered the service after the war was ended I moved to Washington County Maryland – where I lived until the year 1818 when I moved to Henry County Kentucky where I have lived ever since – (Que) How were you called into service? Were you drafted? Did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom. (Ans) I substituted for a Mr. Stover and from the great elapsed of time I do not recollect his given name, as I never was very well acquainted with him. (Ques) State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served and such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect. (Ans) While out was stationed at the Barracks there were no regular officers and as well as I now remember there were but 3 or 4 Companies of militia one commanded by Captain Brown – one by Captain Crook Shanks [Cruikshanks or Crookshanks] and one by Captain Seaborn [could be Seahorn]

Qus. Did you receive a discharge and by whom was it signed (Ans) I did receive a discharge signed by Captain Brown, which discharge I have mislaid or lost. (Ques) State the name of some of your neighbors who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution (Ans) I will name Captain John Field and Mr. Stephen Shaw [John Field and Stephen Shaw gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]