

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Kolb, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 507,
Application #S31799

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Peter Kolb, a resident of Jones County, GA, aged Seventy years:

“He entered the service under the command of Colonel George Hicks, and marched from about fifteen miles below the **Long Bluff on Pedee River, South Carolina**, on the first day of May 1779, and in the militia company under Captain Council, to Charleston, SC to oppose Lord Howe & was standing sentry at a magazine in Charleston in that year when the battle was fought between General Lincoln and Lord Howe at **Stono** and having dear brother, George Kolb in the hospital, applicant went home with him by permission. He? put the sick brother into a waggon that came from North Carolina after salt and by that means, got him home to his father’s residence., where he marched from the last of July of that year being a term of three months.”

“Applicant’s next term of service under the command of Colonel Kolb, Major Benton, and Captain Standard in the month of September of the same year (1779) to march against the Tories **on Lynches Creek** in the upper part of South Carolina, collected the Whigs at Captain Evans & while stationed there, applicant was of the company that guarded the Tories at Evans’s that was taken, & guarded the Tories to jail at **Long Bluff near the river Pee Dee** adjacent to the place called **Society Hill, SC**. Five of the Tories were hung at that place. Applicant served in this tour? one month.”

“And applicant was afterwards in the same year drafted to serve a tour of three months and marched on the first of January (1780) seventeen hundred and eight, from his father’s residence to Charleston, SC under command of Col. George Hicks and Captain Thomas Ellerbee, where the detachment in which applicant marched reached **Charleston**, it was under the command of General McIntosh and in the same lines with the regular army under command of General Lincoln, and in service when Charleston capitulated and the American army surrendered. Applicant in the month of May 1780, being a prisoner of war, was paroled 19th of May in that year as a document herewith exhibited, marked A will show, and returned home the last of the same month of May 1780, being a term of five months service. Applicant was released from his parole at the expiration of twelve months by exchange of prisoners.”

“And applicant again entered the service on the first of June 1781, seventeen hundred and eighty-one under command of the same Captain Ellerbee and joined the forces under General Marion and Colonel Horry at the **High Hills of Santee** as mounted infantry, and applicant was marched below **Santee to the Eutaw Springs, Monck’s Corner**, was four ___ driving the British & Tories? having dislodged the enemy at **Monck’s Corner**, the enemy retreated from there and took possession of **Shubrick’s house** and applicant was in one engagement at that place under Marion and Sumpter, Col. John Postell and Major Benton. ___ ?prisoners were taken?, four killed? ___ to dislodge the enemy, applicant with Marion to the swamps of the Santee ___. There was discharged and went home, having served a tour of two months. Applicant again entered the service as mounted infantry in the militia under Lieutenant McCall in the ___ detachment on **Lynche’s Creek** under command of Col. Benton to induce our deluded countrymen called Tories, who was invited by Gen’l. Marion’s proclamation to join his stand and receive pardon, & served in that ___ in the year 1782, one month. Applicant was

wounded by a ball in his right thigh at the siege of Charleston before the surrender, and applicant, whilst in service was occasionally with General Marion, Generals Greene and Sumpter, Colonels Washington and Lee. Applicant has a record of his age in his father's handwriting now exhibited in Court, applicant never received any written discharges that he remembers, has none to show now.

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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Georgia Jones County:

On this the 6th day of August [1832] personally appeared before John R. More, Travis A. D. Weaver & Thomas B. Slade Judges of the Inferior Court of said County, sitting as a Court of Ordinary, which is a Court of record, Peter Kolb of the County of Jones & the State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years, and eight months, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States militia department, in the year 1779, with Colonel George Hicks commander of the Regiment Captain Council [Henry Council] commander of the company to which he belonged, entered the service the first of May 1779, left the service the last of June 1782, his first engagement continued for three months under the above mentioned officers; his next engagement continued one month under the command of Colonel Kolb [Abel Kolb], Major Benton [Samuel Benton] & Captain Standard [William Standard]. His third engagement commenced the first January 1780 marched to Charleston under Colonel George Hicks & Captain Thomas Elliby [Thomas Ellerbee], & was discharged from the enclosed parole in the month of June 1781 -- making about 18 months -- his 4th Engagement -- commenced at the expiration of the above parole in the month of June under the command of General Marion [Francis Marion], Colonel Peter Horry & Colonel Postell [James Postell] & Captain Ellerbee, and was released at the expiration of two months -- his 5th engagement commenced first June 1782 with a detached party under the command of Lieutenant McCall [John McCall] who was of the Army of & under the command of General Marion, and continued for the period of 31 days. In some of his engagements he was ordered out as a member of a company of militia he resided in the County of Craven of the then province of South Carolina, in some of his engagements was drafted dislodged the enemy at Moncks Corner was in the siege of Charleston which continued 29 days -- his marches principally through the lower part of the province, he has no documentary evidence except what accompanies this declaration -- He states he has a record of his age & shows it in court. He received no written discharge. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present -- & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed in day & year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Kolb



[Gideon Mason, a clergyman, and Jacob Watson gave the standard's courting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia County of Jones: SS

On this seventh day of January in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Ordinary of said County & state now sitting, Peter Kolb a resident of said County aforesaid and State aged seventy years on the 25th of November last, 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. he entered the Service under the command of Colonel George Hicks, and marched from about 15 miles below the long bluff on Pedee River South Carolina on the first day of May 1779 and in the militia company under Captain Council to Charleston South Carolina to oppose Lord Howe & was standing Sentry at a magazine in Charleston in that year when that battle was fought between General Lincoln and Lord Howe at Stono and having a sick brother George Kolb in the hospital applicant went home with him by permission -- put the sick brother into a wagon that came from North Carolina after salt and by that means got him home to his father's residence where he marched from the last of July of that year being a term of three months. Applicant next entered the service under the command of Colonel Kolb, Major Benton & Captain Standard in the month of September of the same year (1779) to march against the Tories on Lynches Creek in the upper part of South Carolina, collected the Whigs at Captain Evans & while stationed there applicant was of the company that guarded the Tories at Evans that was taken & guarded the Tories to jail at Long bluff near the River Pedee adjacent to the place now called Society Hill South Carolina; five of the Tories were hung at that place, applicant served in this rout one month, and applicant was afterwards in the same year drafted to serve a tour of three months and marched on the first of January (1780) from his father's residence to Charleston South Carolina under command of Colonel Hicks and Captain Ellerbee, when the detachment in which applicant marched reached Charleston it was under command of General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] and in the same lines with the regulars under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], and in service when Charleston capitulated [Charleston South Carolina was surrendered to the British on May 12, 1780]¹ & the American Army surrendered, applicant in the month of May 1780, being a prisoner of war was paroled 19th of May in that year as a document herewith exhibited marked A will show and returned home the last of the same month of May 1780 being a tour of five months service, applicant was released from his parole at the expiration of a twelve months by exchange of prisoners, and applicant again entered the service on the first of June 1781 under command of the same Captain Ellerbee and joined the forces under General Marion and Colonel Horry at the high Hills of Santee as mounted Infantry & applicant was marched below Santee to the Eutaw Springs, Moncks Corner, four holes, driving the British & Tories, having dislodged the same at Moncks Corner the enemy retreated from there & took possession of Shubrick's house & applicant was in an engagement at that place [July 17, 1781]² under Marion and Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] & Colonel Postell and [indecipherable interlineation] Major Benton was mounted & in fall killed, unable to dislodge the enemy applicant marched with

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_shubricks_plantation.html

Marion to the Swamps of Santee & from there was discharged and went home having served a tour of two months, applicant again entered the service as mounted infantry in the militia under Lieutenant McCall with a small detachment on Lynches Creek under command of Colonel Benton to induce our deluded countrymen called Tories, who was invited by General Marion's proclamation to join his standard & receive pardons, & served in that manner in the year 1782 one month, applicant was wounded by a ball in his right thigh at the siege of Charleston before the surrender and applicant whilst in service was occasionally with General Marion, General Greene & Sumter, Colonels Washington [William Washington] & Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] applicant has a record of his age in his father's handwriting now exhibited in Court applicant never received any written discharges that he remembers, has none to show now, has no documentary evidence except the two papers enclosed marked, A. & B., it is genuine this can be recognized by the Honorable Colonel Benton now of the Senate of the United States applicant did not enter the service for any specified terms of service except as stated, at the other times he was called on as other persons in the militia were, without knowing how long the tours of service would be, applicant saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned above and for such services he claims a pension, applicant never served in any other capacity or grade than a private in the militia, and applicant knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services, and 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. Applicant heretofore made a declaration to the same purpose of this marked No. 1776 which he now also returns here with the hope that this amendment of his declaration will be deemed sufficient, and applicant has had propounded to him in open Court the following interrogatories to which he writes his answer to each to wit: 1st When were you born?

Answer I was born on the 25th day of November 1762

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

I have a record of my age in the hand writing of my father now in my possession & before the court where I was examined

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 was living when called into service at my father's house in the Parish of Saint David's in the County of Craven in the then Province, now State, of South Carolina. Afterwards removed as stated in support hereto annexed marked B. to Burke County in the State of Georgia, after that removed to the County of Jackson in said State and from that last County removed to the County of Jones my present residence, where he has resided for the last 23 years past.

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

Answer I was called into service by orders from the militia officers as above stated and at one time drafted into the service as above stated.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer I recollect being in service and the names of some of the officers who were in the regular troops, to wit, Lincoln, McIntosh, Woolford, Hogan [sic Hogun], Sumpter, Greene, Lee & Colonel Washington, and my services was in the militia as before stated.

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 never received any written discharges that he is remembered by me

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer Colonel Henry G. Lamar³ & Judge Augustin S. Clayton⁴ both now of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States as well as James Smith Esquire post master Clinton in this County and Gideon Mason a clergyman of the immediate vicinity will all certify as to my veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & describe before us the undersigned Justices of the court of Ordinary of the County on the day & year first above written.

S/ Peter Kolb

[Gideon Mason, a clergyman, and James Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Cheraw District: The Bearer hereof Mr. Peter Kolb of my Regiment being about to move himself & Effects to the State of Georgia, Requests this my passport for that purpose wherein I do Certify him to be a young man of unblemished Reputation & during the late war has uniformly Conducted & Acquitted himself as a good Soldier & friend to America under my command. Therefore I hope he will be passed & Repassed & Civilly Treated by all persons in the peace of the United States.

Great Pee Dee

November 5th 1783

S/ Sam Benton [Samuel Benton]

Lt. Col. Comdt of Militia

³ LAMAR, Henry Graybill, a Representative from Georgia; born in Clinton, Jones County, Ga., July 10, 1798; pursued an academic course; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Macon, Ga.; judge of the State superior court; member of the State house of representatives; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-first Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George R. Gilmer; reelected to the Twenty-second Congress and served from December 7, 1829, to March 3, 1833; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1832 to the Twenty-third Congress; unsuccessful candidate for Governor in 1857; associate justice of the State supreme court; died in Macon, Ga., September 10, 1861; interment in Rose Hill Cemetery.

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⁴ CLAYTON, Augustin Smith, a Representative from Georgia; born in Fredericksburg, Va., November 27, 1783; moved with his parents to Richmond County, Ga., in 1784; attended Richmond Academy, and was graduated from Franklin College, Athens, Ga., in 1804; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1806 and commenced practice in Carnesville, Franklin County; moved to Athens; selected by the legislature in 1810 to compile the statutes of Georgia from 1800; member of the State house of representatives 1810-1812; clerk of the State house of representatives 1813-1815; served in the State senate in 1826 and 1827; judge of the superior court 1819-1825 and 1828-1831; elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-second Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wilson Lumpkin; reelected to the Twenty-third Congress and served from January 21, 1832, to March 3, 1835; resumed the practice of law in Athens, Ga., and died there June 21, 1839; interment in Oconee Cemetery.

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State of S^c Carolina } The Bearer hereof M^r. Peter Holt
 Craven District } of my Regiment being a b. to move
 himself & Effects to the State of
 Georgia, Requests this my Passport for that Purpose
 wherein I do Certify him to be a Young man of
 Unblemish'd Reputation & during the late War
 has Uniformly Conducted & Acquitted himself
 as a good Soldier & Friend to America under my
 Command. Therefore I hope he will be safe'd
 & Respected & Civally Treated by all persons
 in the peace of the United States.

Great Bend
 November 3, 1783.

J. M. Benson
 Lt. Col. Com^d of the Regt.

[p 40: copy of a parole dated May 19, 1780, confining the bearer to his plantation in the parish of Saint David County of Craven province of South Carolina.

Copy

I DO hereby acknowledge myself to be a Prisoner
 of War, upon my Parole, to his Excellency Sir
 HENRY CLINTON, and that I am thereby engaged un-
 til I shall be exchanged, or otherwise released there-
 from, to remain at my Plantation in the Parish
 of St. David in the County of Craven in
 the Province of South Carolina.

and that I shall not in the mean Time do, or cause
 any Thing to be done, prejudicial to the Success of
 His Majesty's Arms, or have Intercourse or hold
 Correspondence with his Enemies; and that upon a
 Summons from his Excellency, or other Person having
 Authority thereto, that I will surrender myself to
 him or them at such Time and Place as I shall here-
 after be required. Witness my Hand this 19th
 day of May 1780.

Witness
 John Miller }

I do hereby Certify that the above
 is a true Copy of the Parole this day
 given to the Bearer of this

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for

service as a private for 11 months and 19 days in the South Carolina militia.]