

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Kidd S32367

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State of Illinois County of Monroe: SS

On this seventeenth day of April in the year 1835 personally appeared in open Court of County Commissioners Court of the County aforesaid Robert Kidd of Mitcher [?]<sup>1</sup> Township in the County of Monroe and State of Illinois aged seventy-five 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. – That he enlisted as a musician (fifer) in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May with Captain John Williams and served in Colonel George Rogers Clark's Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named Officers –; Colonel Clark was promoted to the office of Brigadier General and John Montgomery succeeded him in the command of the Regiment in Captain Isaac Boardman or Bowman was promoted to a Major in which office he died and Captain John Williams succeeded him. Richard Brashears was first Lieutenant and promoted to a Captain. I do not recollect who was his successor. William Montgomery was our Ensign. I enlisted for one year and remained in service from the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1778 until sometime in the month of March 1780 – (but did not enlist the second time but remained in the Army and did the same duty as he would have done had he reenlisted being so situated that he could not go to his place of residence with safety). I enlisted at the Falls of Ohio where I resided at that time with Captain William Harrod – I [several words written through and illegible, I'm guessing that the words are "I crossed the River"] with the Company to Fort Massace [Massac?]<sup>2</sup> or near there and from there marched to Kaskaskia – and Governor Rosebluff [P. F. Rastel de Rocheblave] surrendered the place [July 4, 1778] without any fighting. In the spring of the year 1779 we marched from Kaskaskia to Post Vincennes where was a British Fort with one Brass Cannon and some Iron ones which we attacked [February 23 – 25, 1779] and which was surrendered to us with 1500 stands of Arms some Barrels of Gun flints & some ammunition – with 110 prisoners – who we took to the falls of the Ohio and surrendered them to Captain Thomas and Captain Harrod who were militia officers and returned to Kaskaskia where we remained some time during the warm weather – and the latter part of summer we were marched to the Iron Banks on the Ohio where we skirmish with a party of Chickasaw Indians supposed to be 300 in number

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<sup>1</sup> *Mitcher*

<sup>2</sup> *Massace* Massacre?

under a Captain Colbert [James Colbert]<sup>3</sup> who was so wounded that he died and the Indians then disbursed – we returned to Kaskaskia and remained until the latter part of January 1780 when I received from Colonel Montgomery an Honorable discharge which is now lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert Kidd, X his mark

On the same day came Ebenezer Bourn<sup>4</sup> and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and says that himself was a private in the same Company with Robert Kidd who has subscribed the above declaration from the latter part of June 1778 until he was discharged – and knows him to be the identical person who served with him and knows the above declaration to be true.

S/ Ebenezer Bourn, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia state troops for one year.]

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<sup>3</sup> James Colbert led a band of Indians besieging Fort Jefferson. For details on the siege of Fort Jefferson (25 Jul - 12 Sep 1780) during which Col. James Colbert was shot and later died, see

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort\\_Jefferson\\_\(Kentucky\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Jefferson_(Kentucky)) .

<sup>4</sup> [Ebenezer Bourn S32129](#)