

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Kimball S32950

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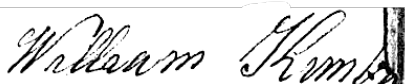
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United States

Massachusetts District

William Kimball of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and District aforesaid. Applicant for a pension from the United States, under an Act of Congress, passed the 18th day of March, One thousand eight hundred & eighteen Entitled an "Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war," maketh oath that he served in the war of the revolution in the land & naval service for a term of time herein specified. That he entered into the land service, in the capacity of Private Soldier in April one thousand seven hundred & seventy-five, for the term of eight months, in Benjamin Kimball's Company, Col. Israel Hutchinson's Regiment. At the close of this term, reenlisted in the same Company for one year, & was discharged on the last day of December one thousand seven hundred & eighty-six. In the Spring following he entered the States service & was discharged at the expiration of twenty-four months, or thereabouts. That sometime in the year seventeen hundred & seventy-nine he entered on board the *Boston*¹ Frigate, commanded by Samuel Tucker² Esquire as a Marine, and continued in the said Ship till she was captured on the twentieth day of May, One thousand seven hundred & eighty,³ when he returned home as a Prisoner of war. The said William Kimball aforesaid, also maketh Oath that his situation in life is such that he needs the assistance of his country.

William Campbell



Massachusetts District SS Boston 13 April A.D. 1818

Sworn to before me

John Davis District Judge Mass. District

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¹ https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2391

² https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_crewman&id=678

³ Sic, May 12, 1780 Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/> & <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

These may Certify Whom it May Concern, that William Kimball, of the Town of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entered on board the *Boston* Frigate, under my Command on the nineteenth day of March, A.D. 1779 and served in the capacity of a Marine until the twelfth of May – 1780 on which day the Garrison of Charleston [sic] South Carolina surrendered to the British forces, when we all became prisoners to his British Majesty & paroled to come home; during the above term, the above mentioned William Kimball behaved in the station in which he served becoming a good and faithful soldier & citizen of the United States of America, and meriting the Applause of all his superior officers during his servitude.

Given under my hand, at Bristol, County of Lincoln & Commonwealth aforesaid this the 12th day of May A.D. 1818

Signed Samuel Tucker, commander of the American Navy, the whole of the Revolutionary War

*Signed -- Samuel Tucker, Commander
in the American Navy, the whole
of the Revolutionary War*

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This may Certify to Whom it may concern, that William Kimball a native born citizen of Massachusetts State, and at Present a resident of the Town of Boston, entered into public service under my Command, on the nineteenth day of March 1789 in the capacity of a fifer and continued with me in service until May 12, 1780, when we was made prisoners, by the vice Admiral Arbuthnot; and at the Capture of the garrison of Charleston, South Carolina, said Kimball, always when necessary acted as a Marine, doing his duty faithfully becoming a good soldier; and finally gained the applause, not only of myself, but all his superiors, and he merits the attention of any officer that can be of any service to him, for his services rendered in a war that astonished all nations within the Sublunary Globe

Given under my hand this the 15th day of June at Bristol, County of Lincoln, A.D. 1818 Samuel Tucker, a Commander of the American Navy, during the Revolutionary War, with Great Britain.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 13, 1818, for service as a private for one year in the Massachusetts Continental line.]