

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kennedy S38890
and Robert Kennedy

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District of West Tennessee

John Kenedy [sic, so spelled throughout the document] and Robert Kenedy¹ [sic, so spelled throughout the document citizens of the County of Davidson in the State of Tennessee came before me and claimed to be placed upon the pension list of the United States for services performed in the revolutionary war and being duly sworn, they depose and say that they both enlisted into the service of the United States three days after the battle at the Great Bridge [December 9, 1775] in Virginia within ten miles of Portsmouth, that they enlisted under the Command of Captain Thomas Bracey in the Second Virginia Regiment, Commanded by Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan]. John Kenedy states that he enlisted for three years and served three years and enlisted again under the command of Captain John Hutson and served until the end of the war. Robert Kenedy states he only served the three years for which he first enlisted and was discharged. That those services were performed during the revolutionary war, that they have lost or mislaid, many years ago there discharges, and that they do not know where they are if they exist, but believe they are destroyed, they further state that they are both old and very infirm with very little property and that they do stand in much need of and from Government. That they have not now nor never had any pension from the United States or any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of May 1818

S/ John McNairy, District Judge

S/ John Kenedy, X his mark

S/ Robert Kenedy, X his mark

[Hugh Allison and Captain William Henry gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of the claimants as revolutionary soldiers and their veracity.]

On the same day John & Robert Kenedy made oath that they had been so distantly situated they know of no person by whom they could prove their services in the revolutionary war in this quarter of the country and that they are not able to travel in search of those who may live in distant parts by whom they could prove their services.

S/ John Kenedy, X his mark

S/ Robert Kenedy, X his mark

In further support of the accompanying claim, Eldridge Newsom a citizen of the County of Davidson came before me and made oath that he is well acquainted with the applicant John

¹ The documents in this file do not indicate what relationship, if any, existed between John and Robert Kennedy. There is no separate file for any claim filed by Robert Kennedy.

Kenedy, that he is a very poor man, having little or no property, that he keeps a Mill for Mr. Allison for the support of himself and family, that he would give the said Kenedy full credit upon his oath.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 23rd of January 1819

S/ Eldridge Newsom

State of Tennessee West Davidson County:

On this 24th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Davidson County and State aforesaid John Kennedy aged sixty-eight years resident in Davidson County in said State, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows. In the 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan, in Captain Thomas Bracy, and lastly in the Company of Captain John Hudson –. That he does not recollect the date of his original declaration, but believes it to have been done about 2 ½ years since in the presence and before the Honorable John McNairy. That the number of his pension Certificate is 7908. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Viz. One horse \$25, one cow and heifer \$17, three sows and fifteen pigs \$15, twelve shoats \$12, two axes \$3, two plows \$4, two hoes \$1.50, one Frow \$1.25, one drawing knife one dollar, one Jointer one dollar, two round shavers \$.50, one pair Compass's \$.25, one Crose \$.25, two cotton wheels \$3.50, two pair of old cards \$.50, one iron pot \$1.50, eleven pewter plates \$2, two dishes and one basin \$3, one set of knives and forks \$1.25, the whole amounting to \$93.50, that he is by occupation a farmer and Cooper, that he is scarcely able to pursue either from age and infirmities. That he has a wife living with him aged forty who is sickly that he has five sons living with him viz., Pierce aged thirteen, Robert aged eleven, James aged eight, Jesse aged six, Shadrach aged two, all of which are healthy children except Robert.

S/ John Kennedy, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 21, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]