

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Kennedy S38893

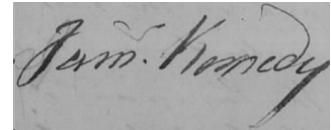
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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

District of west Tennessee

James Kennedy a citizen of the county of Wilson in the State of Tennessee came before me and applied or claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his service as a soldier in the revolutionary war. And after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he enlisted as a soldier in the service of the United States under the Command of Captain [Nathaniel] Ramsey in the first Maryland Battalion commanded by Colo. [William] Smallwood in the Spring of the year 1776 for one year and served one year, and in the year 1777 enlisted for three years or during the war in the 4th Maryland Reg't and served from that time untill the year 1781. in March when at the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] he was wounded and taken prisoner and taken to Wilmington [NC] from thence to Charles Town [Charleston SC] and made his escape from the enemy in September of the same year; that it was so far distant that he was unable to walk having no money to bear his expences, went to labor for his support, the war soon ended, he never got to his regiment, and never had a discharge, That he is very old and infirm unable to labor, is very poor and stands much in need of aid from Government, That he never had a pension from the United States or any State Government.

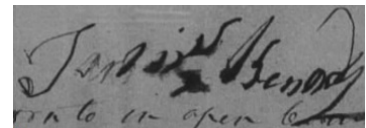
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th day of June 1818



State of Tennessee } August term 1820

Wilson County } personally appeared in open court James Kennedy aged seventyone yars resident in the state of Tennessee Wilson County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That in the year 1776 he enlisted in the first regiment of infantry commanded by Col Smallwood in Capt Ramsey's company, Maryland line, and that he served twelve months in said regiment, and that in the year 1777 he enlisted in the fourth regiment commanded by Col Hall [Josias Carvel Hall] in Capt [Edward] Oldham's Company, Maryland line, and that he served three years in the fourth regiment, Maryland line, and in the year 1781 he he was captured by the enemy and that he applied for a pension on the 10th day of June 1818; and that he has received a pension certificate from the war department number 9829.

I James Kennedy 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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, one horse worth sixty dollars one gun worth three dollars by me subscribed and that I am a house carpenter and I have no ability to pursue my occupation, and that I have no family except myself.



NOTE: The following in the file evidently applies to a different James Kennedy.

Auditors Office Annapolis 7th Ap'l. 1819

I hereby Certify that it appears from the Muster Rolls remaining in the Auditors Office that James Kennedy enlisted as a private in the Fourth Maryland Reg't. on the 22nd May 1779 and promoted to Capt on the 1st Feb'y 1780 and Serg't. on the 1st of June 1780 and discharged 1st Nov. 1780

Thos. Karney Aud'r State Md