

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Oreashy [Horatio] Kannon (Kennon) [Cannon] S4464

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State of Tennessee, Wilson County: Declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

On this September 25, 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court, for said County, now sitting, Oreashy Kannon [Horatio Cannon?], a resident of said County & State, aged about Seventy 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers, & served as herein stated.

First he was born in Craven County in the State of North Carolina about the year 1762 as well as he recollects.

Secondly, he has no record of his age, -- his only knowledge of it is derived from the time he went into service, --he being then about sixteen years old. He is entirely unlettered & has no memorandum by which he could be certain.

Thirdly, When he was called into service he resided in said County of Craven North Carolina, & still remained there after the war was ended some considerable time, when he removed to Winton County South Carolina and after living there some years he emigrated to Jackson County Georgia he removed to Wilson County Tennessee, where he has lived till the present time.

He performed several tours of duty which he will detail as briefly as possible.

His first tour was under a draft for three months. His father Henry Kannon [Henry Cannon?] was his Captain, -- the Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Caswell. The Regiment went on in pursuit of the enemy in the direction of Pedee [River], but did not overtake them, & were out three months before he returned, & then on being told that if he went home he would be again drafted, he volunteered for three months longer, but he was placed under the command of Captain Benjamin Coleman in the same Regiment, & marched into South Carolina over Pedee. We had no fighting. At the end of each term of three months, making in all six months, he received from his Colonel a written discharge which he kept until many years ago his mother's house was burnt, & the said papers destroyed.

Some short time after his return home he was again drafted & entered the service for three months under the command of Captain Joshua Winnam [Joshua Windham] & Lieutenant

Telluron [?]¹ in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Boswell & he thinks one of the Majors was named Allen. During this service he was in the defeat of General Gates on the 15th of August [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780].² After this time expired he volunteered again for three months & served under the same officers & at the end of each term received written discharges which were lost by the burning of his mother's house as before stated.

After completing this service he was on his return home, again soon drafted – his Captain was named Dunn [William Dunn] his Colonel's name Reed [James Read]. He was in service on that engagement four months, & was in the battle of Camden,³ & at the end of said term he received a written discharge which was lost as before stated.

He after that time volunteered under the command of Captain Shad Allen [Shadrach Allen] & Major John Allen, & went in pursuit of the British & Tories in North Carolina & run them to Wilmington where they took shipping, but we pressed them so closely that they left some Negroes & other property which fell into our hands. He was out about five weeks & received a discharge.

After he got back from Wilmington he again volunteered and went out under the command of Allen as Captain & Blount as Superior Officer, & continued in the service in pursuit of the British & Tories for four months he was again regularly discharged, but has lost his written evidence thereof.

He was soon after that pressed on board a Brig, commanded by Captain Samuel Gouger [? Gongee?]⁴ & was about three months or more in service. During this time he was in a skirmish with the British & Tories near Ocracoke bar below New Bern.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & Claire's that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

He has no documentary evidence of his services for the reasons aforesaid, & he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services.

He would refer for his character for veracity to the following persons who reside in his neighborhood, John Shane Esq., Cleve Sullivan, Obediah Lumkins, Revd. E. Maddocks, Wm. Carver, Benjamin Groves, Esqr., John G. Groves, Flour McGreggor, Wm. McGraggor, Esqr., John McGreggor &c.

In consideration of the forgoing services he prays to be allowed a pension under the Act of June 7, 1832.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Josiah J. McClain, Clerk of said County Court

S/ Oreashy Kannon, X his mark

[Edward Willis, a clergyman, and John Shane, Esqr., gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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This day personally appeared Oratio Kannon before me John Shane one of the acting justices of said County and when being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age

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

³ Probably the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill, April 25, 1781.

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html

Capt. Sam. Gouger

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and also being unlettered he cannot recollect the year that he went into the service of the United States but in order to comply with the requisitions of the report in his declaration & to try to satisfy the pension agent at Washington City in order to obtain his pension, he makes the following report to accompany the above and also to supply the efficiency an objection to part of his report he states as before that he served three tours each three months which is nine months all three tours served as a private the fourth tour volunteered three months & served as a private in the fifth tour served four months still a private sixth tour one month and one week seventh tour served four months in all making twenty-one months & one week besides the tour on board of a vessel which it appears I am not allowed to claim anything for I never served as in any other capacity during the whole war but a private soldier the first objection is the period of the war he states that he well recollects that Gates was defeated August 15th [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and states it was in the year 1780 but as to any other year or time of the war he don't recollect second objection answered I claim in all twenty-one months & one week as a pensioner exclusive of the tour on sea &c. Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 26th February 1833.

S/Oratio Kannon, X his mark

S/ John Shane, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year 9 months and 5 days in the North Carolina militia.]