

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Kent S4466

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State of Ohio Columbiana County: Common Pleas April Term 1833

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the court of Common Pleas, now sitting, Thomas Kent residence in Columbiana County and State aforesaid, aged eighty-six years, who being 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 and served as herein stated. That he entered the service upon the 17th of October A.D. 1780 under the command of Captain William Brent, Lieutenant James Triplett and Ensign Debenace [?] – that he belonged to the Prince William [County] Militia in Virginia and that Jesse Ewell was the Colonel and Commandant of said militia. That he was drafted for nine months when he first entered the service and continued in the service from the 17th of October 1780 until the 5th of November the same year at which time he received a furlough from Colonel Jesse Ewell granting him leave to return home to see his family, for his wife was delivered of a child but three days before he first left home, that he returned to the camp upon the 18th of said month of November agreeably to the requisitions of his furlough That is within transmitted¹ to the war Department – that he contued [continued?] then in the service until about the last day of April for my wife was about planting her corn, having been in then in the service from the 17th of October 1780 until the last days of April 1781. – That he was living in Prince William County Virginia when he entered the service – that he marched from there to Williamsburg and then to Port Royal at which two places they stayed during the winter – that he was discharged at Port Royal on the Rappahannock River and returned home. That in the fall of the same year he was called on under his old draft by express to go to Hillsboro North Carolina and after we had been three days on the road news came to us that we might be discharged and they returned home. In the spring following we were again called on and marched under the command of Jack Paeton [sic?] and Lieutenants Watkins and Reeves to Alexandria where we continued for seventeen days – there were about 500 troops there and were employed in guarding the town. We were then discharged and returned home. That he has no documentary evidence except a furlough from Colonel Jesse Ewell which is sent along with this declaration and that he knows of no person who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

¹ The referenced furlough does not appear among the documents in this file

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

Coffin Clk.

S/ Thomas Kent, X his mark

[Joseph Burson and Aaron Ashford gave the standard supporting affidavit. "And the said Ashford further states in addition to the above certificate that he recollects of carrying or going along on horseback with the above said Thomas Kent from his home in Prince William County Virginia to the Army at Paspatanga bridge [?]² near the Rappahannock River at the time he returned on his furlough above mentioned and also that there is no minister of the gospel in his the said Kent's present neighborhood to certify for him."]

Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Prince William County Virginia in the year 1746.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have it recorded in a Hymn Book at home.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Prince William County Virginia when called into service – and lived some time after the war there – & then removed into Loudoun County Virginia and then I removed to Columbiana County Ohio where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted

[document ends here—I looked in the HeritageQuest.com version in did not find either the furlough or the balance of these interrogatories contained among the documents posted in it.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.11 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 7 days in the Virginia militia.]

² Paspatanga bridge