

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Koonce S4485

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: SS

On this 16th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting at the Court House in the town of Fayetteville in the State aforesaid, Philip Koonce a resident of the County of Lincoln & State aforesaid aged about sixty-seven 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 seventh 1832 -- That in the year 1781 in the month of January or February he became a substitute for his father George Koonce to go into the Army of the Revolutionary war. He entered the service some time in the month of January or February 1781 under the command of Captain James Green, (a short time after his Captain was changed) and he placed under Captain Joseph Rhodes, Lieutenant Lemuel Lavender and Ensign John Koonce his company was attached to Colonel Francis Avery's Regiment, the number of which he does not know, William Captain Bush was adjutant Daniel Williams brigade Major, all under the command of General Linnington [John Alexander Lillington], -- He was marched to Bluford's bridge [Buford's Bridge]<sup>1</sup> on Cape Fear River, not far from Wilmington in the State of North Carolina. His father for whom he became a substitute was drafted in the County of Jones in the State of North Carolina. He was stationed near Wilmington until his term of service was nearly out -- A battle<sup>2</sup> was fought near said bridge between the American Cavalry and the British troops -- But this applicant was not in said battle -- Some time afterwards he marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] in Dobs County [Dobbs County] on Noose River [Neuse River] -- Thence he was marched to Longfield to Cox's ferry on said River and having served three months was discharged and thence returned home to Jones County North Carolina -- some time not long after his return home, in the spring or summer of 1781 he became a substitute for Howell Brown in a company of drafted Militia from Jones County North Carolina commanded by Captain Jacob Johnson [Jacob Johnston] which company was attached to the troops commanded by General William Caswell -- sometime afterwards he was transferred to the command of General James Kenyan

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<sup>1</sup> JD Lewis notes: "The bridge was a recently constructed "swing bridge" that was built by a man named Mr. Buford in the early 1770s. But, by the late 1770s, it had been purchased by a Mr. Heron and everyone in the vicinity knew it as Heron's Bridge - primarily because he strengthened it considerably and made it much more reliable. But, the "old timers" still called it Buford's Bridge."

<sup>2</sup> January 30, 1781, Battle of Heron's Bridge.

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[James Kenan], Major Griffin commanded the Battalion to which he belonged -- He was marched through Dupelin County [Duplin County] North Carolina to a place called Rockfish bridge [Battle of Legat's Bridge, May 13, 1781?]<sup>3</sup> where he was engaged in a battle with the British troops -- he believes in Hanover County [sic, New Hanover County] not a great distance from Wilmington -- he was then marched to Smithfield in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] North Carolina -- and having served three months was discharged. He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. -- 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 the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Philip Koonce



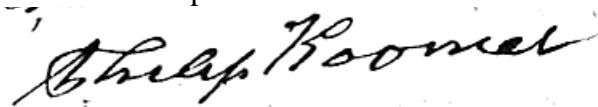
S/ Robt. J. Inge, Clker

[Benjamin Walker, a clergyman, and Benjamin Rowe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Philip Koonce the foregoing applicant further states that he was born in Jones County in the State of North Carolina on the 29th day of January 1765 -- that he has a record of his age in the family Bible now in his possession -- which shows his age as above stated -- that he was living in Jones County North Carolina on Chinquapin Creek a branch of the Trent River when he entered the service -- and lived in that place ten or eleven years after the revolutionary [war] -- from this place he moved to Sumner County State of Tennessee -- and lived there a little over a year -- and then moved to Davidson County in the same State -- and from there he moved to Wilson County in said State and lived there about six years -- from there he moved to this County (Lincoln) -- where he has resided ever since he received his discharge in each for three months the first was from the Lemuel Lavinder [?] the Lieutenant of the company -- and does not recollect the name of the officer who gave him the second, -- He is known in the neighborhood in which he resides to Benjamin Walker and Samuel Rowe, who have signed & sworn to the foregoing certificate and to James Bright Clerk of the Lincoln Circuit & to William E. Kennedy Judge of said Court -- and to the people generally residing in a part of the County in which she lives.

S/ Philip Koonce



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_legats\\_bridge.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_legats_bridge.html)