

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Kidder Harrell S6963

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State of North Carolina } SS.  
County of Duplin }

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August [1832] personally appeared in open court before Wm. K. Frederick, Hogan Hunter, & Lofton Evin the Court of Duplin now setting Keder Harrel a resident of Duplin County & State of North Carolina aged eighty three years & nine months 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein state; That he was drafted in the Militia service at Duplin Courthouse in the month of May A.D. 1780, that he was then resident of Duplin County aforesaid, That he was in a company commanded by Captain James Love, and belonged to the Regiment commanded as he thinks by Col. Owen [possibly Thomas Owen] that he rendezvou'd soon after his entering the service at Fayetteville whence he was marched to the Shallow ford on the Yadkin river; the army including regulars amounting to as he was informed to fifteen thousand men [sic: see note below] and being commanded by Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates That he thinks he joined the regular troops some where on deep river, that Gen'l. Dcalb [sic: Baron De Kalb] was the next in command to Gen'l. Gates in the regular service; That after skirmishing several days with the British troops under Lord Cornwallis, he marched in pursuit of the British to Camden in South Carolina on the Wateree River where on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1780 the an engagement took place between the British and Americans & when the latter were defeated and one thousand of them taken prisoners and about the same number killed, that this declarant was amongst those taken prisoners after receiving several wounds in the engagement. That he was kept a prisoner for a month in Camden when he made his escape; That in the spring of 1781 he volunteered as light horseman, under Captain James Gillespie. That he served in the cavalry untill three or four weeks after Lord Cornwallis came through the state [Jan - Apr] in his march to Virginia in the year 1781, that his troop was joined by a Captain Coburn & a Lieutenant Pasteur with a small number of regular troops soon after he volunteered and was accompanied by them in pursuit of the tories in the counties of Onslow & New Hanover & Duplin County. That he was in the service in all he thinks fully nine months, that when peace was declared he was disbanded at the town of Wolhempten[?] in New Hanover, but did not receive a discharge. That one John Rigby [pension application S9057] & Zacheriah Carter now residing in Duplin aforesaid served with him in his terms of service in the militia & can testify to the truth of his statements as to the same; That he was born in Bertie County North Carolina on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 1748, that he has a record of his age in a bible at home, that he has lived and now lives in Duplin afore said ever since the revolutionary war; That Hugh McKon, Timothy Murphy, Andrew Bryan, Zachariah Carter & Gibson Sloan in his own neighbourhood can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. That he has no documentary evidence of his service.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

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NOTE: Patrick O'Kelley in *Nothing but Blood and Slaughter*, Vol. 2, provides the following estimates for the Battle of Camden: total American troops, 4100; killed, wounded, and captured, 683 - 733.