

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Kincaid S7109

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State of North Carolina, Burke County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this day the 26th of October 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court aforesaid now sitting James Kincaid a resident of the County of Burke and State aforesaid aged Seventy Eight 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 in the year 1776 under the command of Colonel James Johnson who at that time was Captain of the company he belonged to on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians to what was called the Valley Towns – west of the [illegible word, looks like “Bluridn”, could be (probably is) “Blue Ridge” [Mountains]]¹ he went as a Volunteer & was absent in that service [?] about four months. He returned home with the rest of the troops where he received a verbal discharge & also received his pay but in devalued [?] money. That he was on frequent expeditions against the Tories till the year 1779 when he went as a Substitute in the Place of one Frederick Rhoads to Charleston South Carolina. That he was in the City of Charleston for something like four months this term of servitude as a militia man was three months that he remained in Charleston for some considerable time after he was entitled to his discharge. That the City was besieged by Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis, sic Sir Henry Clinton commanded the British troops at the Siege of Charleston].² That the commander General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] seeing that he would be compelled to Surrender gave leave to the militia of which he was one to make their escape. That himself and he thinks between 4 and 500 made their Escape that the City [surrendered] in a few days after he left the service at Charleston. That he marched in the militia from Charlotte, North Carolina to Camden under the Command of General Thomas Polk he thinks that Camden was at that time in the Possession of the British & Commanded by Lord Roadon [sic, Rawdon]. That General Green [sic Nathanael Greene] was at the time the Troops were marched to Camden [Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781]³ besieging the City but had Succeeded in delaying [?] the enemy before his arrival [?] at that Place. They [were] called out this time for a Tour of three months. He together with the rest of the Troop who went from Charlotte, returned & was Discharged at that Place. The next expedition he has recollection of was what was labeled the Wilmington expedition in North Carolina against the Tories. He thinks this was after the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] he



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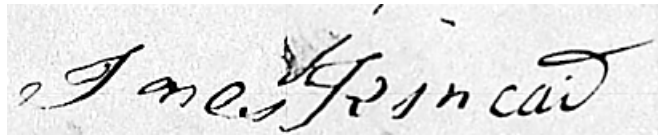
served in that three months. He thinks General Peter Forney⁴ was their Captain during this campaign. I returned home being again discharged. That he does not recollect of his ever receiving a written discharge if he ever did it has long since been lost or mislaid so that he now has no recollection of it.

He further states that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the County Lancaster but removed to North Carolina when very small to the County of Lincoln that he now resides in the County of Burke.

He hereby relinquishes any Claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the Present & Declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State or of the United States to his knowledge or belief. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year first above written.

Sworn to in open Court 26th October 1832

S/ James Kincaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Kincaid". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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[John Boon [?] and Martin Kibler [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories put by the Court aforesaid:

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I [was] born in Lancaster County State of Pennsylvania in the year 1754 or thereabouts

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

In answer – I have not – but was about 21 years of age at the comment [sic, commencement] of the war of the revolution.

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

Answer – I lived in the County of Lincoln, North Carolina at the commencement of the War & when called into Service where I continued till the close of the War I then moved to the County of Burke North Carolina where I now reside & have ever since the time above mentioned.

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

Answer – In the first Campaign against the Indians I was a Volunteer contrary to the will of my father I ran away from him. I went as a Substitute of one Frederick Road to Charleston the time it was besieged by Lord Cornwallis.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – Colonel Johnson was our Captain at the Valley Towns against the Indians. I was under General Thomas Polk to Camden & General Lincoln at Charleston. General Peter Forney now at Lincoln County North Carolina was our Captain when we were marched to Wilmington against the Tories.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer – I have no recollection ever to have received any written discharge if I ever did it is long since lost & forgotten.

S/ James Kincaid, X his mark

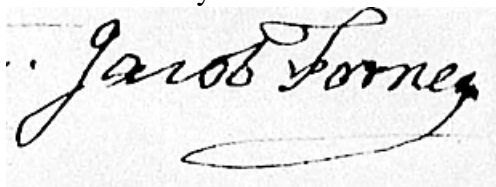
⁴ [Peter Forney W4955](#)

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Jacob Forney swears that he has been acquainted with James Kincaid who is now an applicant for a Pension to the General Government for something like sixty years that was a Soldier in the revolution War. They both lived in the County of Lincoln & State of North Carolina. That the said James was almost constantly in the Service either against the British, Tories or Indians. That he does fully concur in his Statement as to his Service against the Indians in 1776. That he is satisfied that he was at Charleston, Camden and in an expedition [illegible word] to Wilmington as mentioned in his declaration.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 26th of October 1832.

S/ Jacob Forney

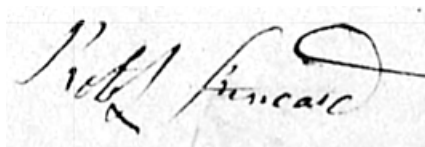
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Forney". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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Robert Kincaid⁵ Swears that he is the brother of James Kincaid & was raised with him in the County of Lincoln, North Carolina at his brother was in the Service as stated in his Declaration in 1776 as he believes – to Valley Towns – he is fully satisfied he was at Charleston as mentioned for that he Robert met him at Camden South Carolina & brought him home – that he marched with him from Charlotte to Camden another time under General Thomas Polk at which place they joined General Greene. That they served out the time required and returned to Charlotte, North Carolina & was there discharged. That he marched with said James Kincaid the time the troops were marched to Wilmington North Carolina & continued with him during the time they were called on to Serve.

S/ Robt. Kincaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robt Kincaid". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 26th day of October 1832.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia.]

[A note in the file indicates that the veteran died July 22, 1836.]