

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Knox S7126

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: August Term 1832

On this 31st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting, James Knox a resident of the County & State aforesaid in the 72nd year of his age; 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. I was a tour against the Tories in the Western part of the State aforesaid in the year 1780 under the command of Captain Ezra Alexander who was Commanded by Colonel Alexander [George Alexander] but do not recollect the term of service. I also served another tour of duty in 1780 against the Tories principally in Lincoln County NC under the command of Captain W. Alexander [William Alexander], Colonel Davidson [William Lee Davidson] & General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was the commanding officers. The term of service not recollected.

I also served another tour of duty [in] 1780 under the command of Captain Brownfield [John Brownfield], and Colonel Robert Irwin & General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] commanding officers, in the term of service I was at the Battle of Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]¹ & also at the Battle of the hanging Rock [August 6, 1780]² both in the State of South Carolina. All the above services I performed voluntarily, & in the capacity of a minute man, and it is impossible for me at this late period of my life to recollect the term of time I was out each tour as when the object for which we were immediately collected out was accomplished we were permitted to return home. I served two months as a volunteer rifleman under Captain Knox [James Knox], commanded by Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie], upon condition that two months in the Infantry to march with the Cavalry under Colonel Davie was to stand in lieu of three months which the laws of North Carolina then required.

I served a term of three months in the Eastern part of this State (known by the Wilmington Campaign) commanded by Captain James Osborne [James Osborn], Colonel Irwin & General Rutherford, this service was performed in the year 1781 -- when I performed all the above stated services I was a citizen of Mecklenburg County & State of North Carolina -- and have been a resident of the County & State aforesaid ever since. This Claimant further declares

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

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

that he was acquainted with General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & Colonel Washington [William Washington] & that he has not in his possession at this time any documentary evidence to prove any of his revolutionary 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 the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Knox

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Knox". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

[James Porter and John McDowell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Sessions 1833

On this the 28th of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court, James Knox a resident of the County & State aforesaid in the 73rd year of his age, 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

The first campaign in which your Declarant served -- volunteered his services -- General Davidson Colonel Erwin [Irwin], Major White [William White] Captain Knox, were the officers under which your Declarant served -- Entered service in the month of September 1780, left service in November A.D. -- His services were confined to the County & State aforesaid -- Engaged in no regular Battle -- with no Continental Troops. In service two months -- Received a discharge from Captain Knox, but has lost it. The second campaign -- volunteered his services -- General Davidson, Colonel Erwin, Captain McKnight [Robert McKnight] were the officers -- cannot recollect the year in which he entered and left the service -- His services were confined to the County & State aforesaid -- engaged in no battle -- fell in with General Morgan & Colonel Washington & their Troops -- In service three months -- & has no recollection of having received a discharge. The third Campaign -- volunteered his services -- General Rutherford, Colonel Erwin, Major White; Captain Osborne were the officers under which your Declarant served -- Entered in the last part of September in the year 1781 & left in the latter part of the month of December 1781 -- marched from the County of Mecklenburg & State aforesaid on to Wilmington in the said State -- Engaged in no battle -- with no Continental Troops -- In service three months -- Received a discharge from Captain Osborne, but has lost it. Entered the service in all his tours in the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina. Your Declarant further states that sometime in the year '80 he did two weeks service under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in the State of South Carolina, during which time he was engaged in the Battles of Rocky Mount & Hanging Rock. The whole length of service set forth by your [declarant], is, 8 months & 2 weeks & for such time your Declarant claims a pension under the Act aforesaid. Your Declarant further states that he was born in the County of Mecklenburg & State of North Carolina in the year 1760 -- your further states that during the Revolution he did a great deal of minute service for which he makes no claim. He further states that he has no Documentary evidence of any of his services -- Has no record of his age -- your Declarant states that he knows of no person, who

can testify to the service of the first campaign & second campaign. Your [declarant] hereby relinquishes his every 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.

S/ James Knox

[John Williamson, a clergyman, and James S. Caruthers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

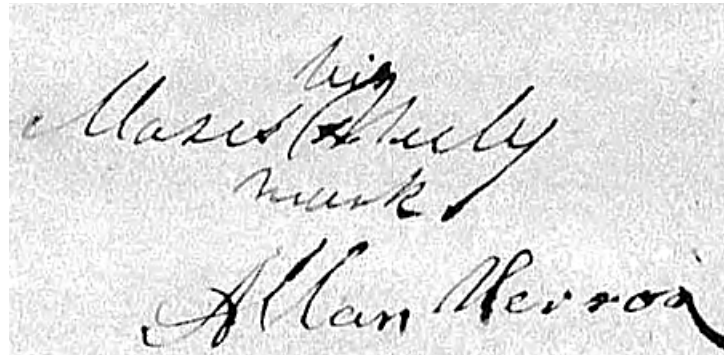
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Personally appeared in open Court now sitting Moses Neely & Allen Herron³ who being first duly sworn according to law, due on their oaths state that James Knox did the service set forth in the third campaign in the body of his Declaration, for they were with him during the time, and that his narration of the circumstances incident to the Tour is correct; and that we believe he did the service set forth in the other campaigns.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Moses Neely, X his mark

S/ Allan Herron

A photograph of two handwritten signatures in cursive ink on a light-colored paper. The top signature is "Moses Neely" with a large "X" over the name, and the word "mark" written below it. The bottom signature is "Allan Herron".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]

³ [Allan Herron S7001](#)