

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sherwood Kenneday (Kennedy) S8779

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State of North Carolina, Davidson County: November Term AD 1832 Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions

On this fifteenth day of November AD 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Sherwood Kenneday - a resident of Davidson County and State of North Carolina aged about Seventy two years who being duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution in the month of November Seventeen Hundred Seventy Eight he then living in the State of North Carolina Guilford County; that he became a Volunteer for five months in Captain Enoch Davis's Company Col. Lock's [sic, Francis Locke's] Regiment Gen. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] being commander; that they Rendezvoused at Salisbury N.C. And there were marched on toward Charleston, S.C. and encamped at Purisburgh [sic, Purrysburg]; that Gen. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] with his Regulars were there from thereon. Gen. Rutherford marched his troops on to the Savannah River to a place called the three Sisters; that there they made Breastworks and placed the Cannon in order for Battle and every preparation of Defense; that they lay in that Situation a while and no Enemy appearing to attack them Rutherford moved up the river in order to Join Gen. Ash [sic, John Ashe] who with his troops were on the west side of the river in the neighborhood of Brier Creek [a/k/a, Briar Creek]; that as they was marching up the river Col. Alexander Pervard [sic, Alexander Brevard] him made declaration that he wanted Riflemen to Join him and immediately cross the river. This deponent States that he and Several Others Volunteered and crossed the River that when they came to Gen. Ashe's Brigade Col. Litles' [sic, Archibald Lytle's] men were cleaning their guns expecting an engagement [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]¹ which took place immediately. That Col. Brevard and his men Joined Col. Lytle's Infantry who he thinks amounted to about two Hundred & fifty that Col. Brevard marched the whole of them into the field of Battle at Briar Creek; that Gen. Briant [sic, William Bryant] commanded the action in person that at one time in the action Brevard and his men were nearly surrounded by the Enemy that some of Rutherford's Horse got over the river in time to Share in the action that after the Battle was over he Saw Blood and hair on Col. Brevard's Sword; that he and the rest of Rutherford's men that had Been in the Battle recrossed the River and Joined their own Standard and were marched down the river to the white House where at the Expiration of their term of Service he Received a discharge signed by his Captain Enoch Davis which is herewith transmitted.

And further this applicant states that in the fall of the year Seventeen Hundred and Eighty he then living in Randolph County N.C. he was Drafted for three months and put into Capt. John

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

Johnson's [John Johnston's] Company Col. Colyer's [sic, John Collier?] Regt. which Rendezvous at Bell's Mill on Deep River that they then marched to Salisbury N.C. where Col. Jonathan Harper [sic, Jeduthan Harper] took the command instead of Colyer that Gen Butler [John Butler] was commander in Chief. That he this Deponent acted as Orderly Sergeant in Johnson's Company the whole three months at the end of which time he received a Discharge Signed his Capt. that some time after his return home Capt Johnson came to the House of this deponent and wanted said discharge that he let him have it and that he has not seen it since; that the Capt has been Dead for a number of years and it cannot be procured. And further that he knows of no person that he can prove the above three months Service by Only Mr Daniel Merrill² of Randolph County, N.C. And he further States that according to the account given him of his age by his parents he was born October the 14th AD 1760 In the State of Virginia Halifax County that he came in Guilford County N.C. in 1777. That he has resided since the Revolution in the counties of Guilford, Randolph, Rowan, and Davidson, in which he now resides.

That he has not made application for a pension at any time only the present, and that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state --- And further this deponent Sayeth not -- Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court the day above written.

NB The words (for five months) was interlined before sworn to and subscribed.

S/ Sherwood Kenneday {SEAL}

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

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court
the 15th Nov 1832

S/ D. Mock Clk

[Ashley Swaim, a clergyman, and Samuel Cecil gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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This is to Certify that Sherwood Canaday of Captain Davis his Company in Colonel Locke's Regiment has served five months in the Militia from North Carolina to the [word or words obliterated] South Carolina and is hereby Discharged he having served as a good Soldier. Given under my hand this 10th day of April 17[last 2 digits obliterated] and is allowed 18 days to return home.

S/ Enoch Davis, Capt.



² [Daniel Merrell S7222](#)

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North Carolina Davidson County:

Personally appeared in open Court this 13th day of November A.D. 1832 Dan Merrell of Randolph County North Carolina aged Seventy-eight years who after being sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith that he has examined the above Declaration made by Sherwood Keneday for a pension for the three months we were at Salisbury North Carolina which he declares just and true he this Deponent having served in the same company the same term of time with the said Keneday and that he also received a discharge from the same Captain Johnson and further this Deponent states that in the first of the year 1778 Captain Enoch Davis with the Major part of his Company stayed one night at his father's when on his way to the South & that his brother John Merrell was one of Davises Soldiers & went home with him -- and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & date above written.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open court the 13th of November 1832

S/ D. Mock, CCC

S/ Dan Merrell {Seal}



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

Personally appeared in Open Court Sherwood Keneday who after being duly sworn according to law Deposeth & saith that in amendment to the Declaration by him made at the November Term last held for this County in order to obtain a pension for his Services as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution = and in answer to the objection made by the pension Committee In the 7th query is that he hereby relinquishes every claim to any other pension only the one under the act of June 7th A.D. 1832 -- and that by virtue of Said Act of Congress he claims a pension for eight months Service three of which he was orderly Sergeant in Captain Johnson's company -- and that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of this State or any State in the Union -- answer to query the 17th (objected)

This applicant makes oath that, in Addition to those already qualified in the aforesaid Declaration he will state the names of some of his Neighbors and acquaintances that he thinks will concur in opinion of his service in the war of the Revolution & in the neighborhood of the same viz. Zebulon Hunt, Solomon Davis, Jacob Brumell, William Piggott, Joshua Lee, Esquires & Mr. David Mock the County Court Clerk.

S/ Sherwood Kenneday

Sworn & subscribed in open court this 14th May 1833

S/ D. Mock, Clk.

[Facts in file: Veteran died April 6 [could be 5], 1842. The file contains no information regarding the veteran's family.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]