

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Kennedy S8782

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State of North Carolina, Pitt County: SS

On this 5th day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Judge of the Supreme Court of law for the County aforesaid David Kennedy a resident of Pitt County and State of North Carolina aged Seventy Six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

I volunteered under Captain Stephenson [sic, Silas A. Stevenson] in the Army of the State in Newbern [sic, New Bern] North Carolina and marched from New Bern to Wilmington from Wilmington North Carolina I was marched to Brunswick Bladen County in said State, at which place I was discharged after serving three months. I then entered the service as a Substitute, under Captain Goodman [William Goodman] at Kingston [sic, Kinston] North Carolina and was marched from there to Fayetteville and from Fayetteville to Camden South Carolina from Camden I was marched to a place called the Bull Pen on Savannah River where I was stationed to guard the Tories until they were removed to a place called Ninety Six in South Carolina in the Regiment commanded by General Ash [sic, John Ashe], from there I was marched to a place called Purysburg on Savannah River and joined head quarters and were commanded by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] and from thence I was marched up the Savannah River to a place called Black Swamp, from Black Swamp I was marched to Wilmington North Carolina under the command of Colonel Caswell [Richard Caswell] and was discharged after serving five months I have not perfect recollection of the dates I served in. I received a discharge which is lost believing that it never would be of any Service to me. In my third term of Service I volunteered under Captain Rountree [Obadiah Roundtree] at Granville North Carolina and marched to Cross Creek now Fayetteville North Carolina from thence I was marched to a place called – Ash Pole South Carolina from thence I was marched from place to place in pursuit of the Tories and was discharged at a place not recollected in South Carolina at which time I served three months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll agency in any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

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

Answer: I was born in the date [sic, year] of 1754 in South Carolina

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

I have had a record of my age but believes that it was burnt in a house

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

I lived in Pitt County North Carolina and have continued to live there since the revolutionary war

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?

I first volunteered my Services, I then was a Substitute for one Bowden the Christian name not recollected and the third term of Service I volunteered.

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.

I was acquainted with Colonel J. P. Williams [John Pugh Williams] also General as well & General Williamson & General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] as to the general circumstances I have no recollection

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

I have received three discharges one from General Caswell, one from Captain Stevenson and the other I do not recollect who it was from

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: Major William Pugh, Moses Highsmith & Captain Frederick Haddock.

Sworn to and subscribed.

Attest: S/ R. S. Blount

S/ David Kennedy, X his mark

[William Pugh, Moses Highsmith, Frederick Haddock and John Kensaul gave the standard supporting affidavit.

State of North Carolina, Lenoir County

On the 30 day of August 1833 personally appeared before me Oliver Hearing one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid William Davenport¹ of the said County who being sworn according to law declares as follows: that at a General Muster, held in New Bern North Carolina for the purpose of drafting men from each Captains' Company to raise Soldiers for the defense of their Country, David Kennedy Volunteered his Services to guard Wilmington from the British during the early part of the Revolutionary War, at which place he Served

and he also served at Brunswick Bladen County North Carolina under Captain Silas A. Stephenson and Lieutenant Heritage and Col. Dawson Commanded at which time he served three months, & at which place he received a regular discharge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

Test: S/ Oliver Hearing

S/ William Devenport [sic], O his mark

[the clerk spells the JP's name "Herring"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [William Davenport S2507](#)