

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kinsaul (Kensaul) S8790

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State of North Carolina Pitt County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

On this 6th day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the court of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting John Kinsaul of Pitt County North Carolina aged Seventy-three years who first being duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in Virginia and entered the service in the state troops as volunteer under James Herrin Captain -- William Bowers Lieutenant and Needham Whitfield Ensign. Some four or five months (as well as he recollects) before Independence was declared. He enlisted for twelve months. He then resided as he does now in Pitt County North Carolina and his company formed at Greenville the County town and marched to Columbia South Carolina and had proceeded about 100 miles when their orders were countermanded and they were ordered to Fort Caswell near New Bern North Carolina and was there (he thinks) when war was declared. At Fort Caswell he joined his Regiment. Heritage [John Herritage] Colonel Caswell General [Richard Caswell]. From Fort Caswell he marched up the Country as far as Smithfield Johnson [sic, Johnston] County North Carolina where he was stationed for some months and then marched to Kinston North Carolina where he was stationed for the balance of the Term for which he enlisted. This was his first term of service. His second Term of service was about the second year of the war when he volunteered & entered a Regiment at Halifax North Carolina for three months -- Hunter [perhaps Thomas Hunter of the Nash County militia] Colonel Theophilus Thomas Captain and served out the whole time there. About the close of the war he again entered the service under Godfrey Stencil Captain. His company formed at Greenville marched to Nash Court house and there joined his Regiment Heritage Colonel and Nixon [Richard Nixon] Lieutenant Colonel. From Nash Court House he marched with his Regiment to Harrisburg Virginia where the Captain's company to which he belonged were detached for the purpose of conducting and guarding safely home Colonels Culpe and Wade of Georgia; who when Cornwallis was ravaging the southern country had fled with their movables and now wished to return to which service he marched as far as the Pedee [River] about Cheraw South Carolina where he was attacked and defeated at night by the Scotch Tories then residing in that section. Thence he returned home to recruit and then repaired as ordered to Kinston North Carolina where he was employed for the balance of the term in the scouting service about Neuse River. This term expired he returned home and staid one week when he enlisted again for three months -- repaired to Greenville under Captain George Fortner [George Faulkner] Lieutenant Evan Jones

Colonel James Gorham and Greene [Nathanael Greene] who was pursuing Cornwallis through the up country which orders however never arrived and staid at the places aforesaid until the war was closed by the surrender of Cornwallis, upon which event he was discharged just three days before the term for which he enlisted would properly have expired. He has lost all his discharges -- never expecting any further compensation for his services he has not been careful to preserve the evidence of those services --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any annuity or pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or agency of any state whatever.
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ Archibald Parker, Clerk

S/ John Kinsaul, X his mark

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Answers to the interrogatories as set forth by John Kinsaul

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- I was born in Princess Ann County State of Virginia but cannot state the exact year but from what I have understood from a record of my age in Virginia I was born in the year 1759.

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

Answer There is a record of my age in Princess Ann County Virginia

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 resided in Pitt County North Carolina when he entered into service and have continued to live in said County ever since.

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

Answer I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- The regular officers as well as I recollect were General Caswell, Colonel Herritage, Major John Allen, Captain James Herrin, William Bowers Lieutenant, also Captain Godfrey Stancill, Colonel Hunter, Colonel Culpe & Colonel Wade of Georgia as to the number of Regiments which I served in 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?

Answer I received a discharge from Captain Whitfield also one from Captain Stancill, one from Captain Fortner and one from Captain Thomas -- which discharges are lost not knowing they [would] ever be of any service to me.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

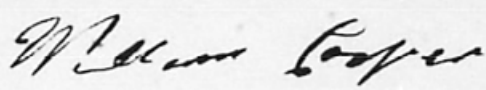
Answer There is William Cooper, William Dark, Hugh Telfair Esquire, Marshall Dickinson Esquire, Willis Wilson, Lanier Daniel

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I William Cooper do certify that I served with John Kinsaul above applicant for six months except three days during the Revolution and about the close of it -- and under the officers and in

the manner set forth in the above application.
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Cooper



[William Clark, a clergyman, and Hugh Telfair gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Pitt County: This day personally appeared before me Hugh Telfair one of the Justices of the Peace for said County William Cooper¹ maketh oath that John Kensaul a revolutionary soldier served with him three months in Captain G Stancil [Godfrey Stancil] Company and three months lacking three days in Captain G. Fortner's [George Faulkner] Company -- William Gorham [sic, James Gorham] Colonel -- this deponent further this declares from infirmity of memory that he cannot recollect the date of month or year.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me August 3rd 1833

S/ Hugh Telfair, JP

S/ William Cooper

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State of North Carolina Pitt County:

Personally appeared before me Hugh Telfair one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Willis Wilson,² who maketh oath that John Kinsaul the Soldier of the Revolution served with him in the State Regiment twelve months -- James Herrin Captain, William Bowers Lieutenant -- Colonel Heritage [Col. John Herritage] -- Major John Allison -- General W. Caswell.

S/ Willis Wilson, X his mark

Subscribed and Sworn to before me August 4th, 1833

S/ Hugh Telfair, JP

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State of North Carolina Pitt County:

On the 7th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me Marshall Dickinson one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid Thomas Spain³ of the said County, who being sworn according to law, declares as follows. That during the Revolutionary War, he believes the latter part of it, but the year he cannot recollect, John Kinsaul of said County enlisted in the State Militia under Captain Theophilus Thomas of Edgecombe County, and served therein for the term of three months, which was the term for which he enlisted -- this Deponent served with him during the same tour -- Captain Thomas commanded a part of the time while at Halifax, where we were placed under the command of Captain Benjamin Coleman, Lieutenant Thomas Pasteurs who had been Continental officers. Deponent further states that from report he had reason to believe that the said John Kinsaul afterwards served in Captain Stancill's Company, but had no personal knowledge of it. In the first tour of three months Captain Coleman marched us to New River, where we served the term out, and most of us returned to Halifax to get our discharges,

¹ [William Cooper S8250](#)

² [Willis Wilson W6531](#)

³ [Thomas Spain R9949](#)

and deponent is pretty sure that said Kinsaul returned to Halifax with him -- and further deponent saith not.

S/ Thomas Spain, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Pitt County:

Personally appeared before me the Hugh Telfair one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, John Kinsaul who declares on oath that the following statement is true to the best of his recollection & belief, and office it in explanation of his former declaration as a Revolutionary Soldier, and as respects, particularly the twelve months service in the State Regiment of North Carolina commanded by Colonel Heritage -- General Caswell's Brigade. That he was drafted in the County and joined the Regiment at Kinston North Carolina in the month of March, and was marched South to near the South Carolina line, the name of the County he does not recollect and remained there all the spring and then returned to Fort Caswell near New Bern, Craven County in the month of June; and remained there till the fall of the year, and was then marched to Smithfield, Johnston County and remained there, perhaps two months and was then marched back to Kinston, and remained encamped at the old field at Kinston until the Regiment was discharged -- He is now very old and his memory treacherous and did, he believes, fall into an error as to the duration of that service, from his understanding the draft was for twelve months, but as he returned home a little after Christmas, he could only have been about nine months -- He likewise states that he afterwards served three months under Godfrey Stancil a Captain, marched from Greenville, Pitt County of Nash Court House, and then to Harrisburg and from there to Drowning Creek, from which place he hastily retreated; a band of Tories giving them battle and they having no ammunition, returned home, their time (three months) having expired -- In four or five days he was again called out under Captain Falkner for three months, marched from Greenville, Pitt County to Limestone River, near Wilmington North Carolina and remained there three months out; was then discharged and returned home -- and in about three or four weeks was again called out and marched to Halifax North Carolina under Theophilus Thomas eight Captain and remained there three months where they dug an entrenchment &c was then discharged and returned home -- General Cornwallis having passed through South Hampton above Halifax. He states that the service he performed was all under Militia officers, and in North Carolina -- the whole time 18 months.

Recapitulation

9 months -- State Regiment
3 months under Captain Stancil
3 months under Captain Falkner
3 months under Captain Thomas
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See the affidavits of Willis Wilson, Thomas Spain and William Cooper/

S/ John Kinsaul, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Pitt County:

Personally appeared before me Hugh Telfair one of the Justices of the Peace for the aforesaid County, William Cooper, and maketh oath that he was a soldier in the revolutionary War, in Captain Godfrey Stancil's Company for three months, and in the company of Captain

George Faulkner three months and that John Kinsaul served at the same time and was in the same companies, and under the same officers for the same term, six months, with him -- that the field officer was General Caswell & Colonel Nixon when under Captain Stancil and the field officers when under Captain Faulkner were Colonel Herritage and Colonel Gorham as well as his memory serves him, and that he the said William Cooper has received and is receiving his pension for the same service.

S/ William Cooper

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of August 1835

S/ Hugh Telfair, JP

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State of North Carolina Pitt County: Personally appeared before me Henry Stansall one of the Justices of the aforesaid County Thomas Spain and maketh oath that he was a soldier in the revolutionary War in Captain Theophilus Thomas's Company for three months and in the company of Captain Godfrey Stansall [Godfrey Stancil] for three months and that John Kinsaul served at the same time and in the same Companies and under the same officers for the same term (six months) with him that the field officers were General Caswell & Colonel Hunter when under Captain Thomas and the field officers when under Captain Stansall were General Caswell & Colonel Wade as well as his memory serves him, and that he the said Thomas Spain has received and is receiving his pension for the same service.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 18th day of August 1835

S/ Henry Stansell, JP

S/ Thomas Spain, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina State Regiment.]