

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Koen S8804

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Treasury Department 20 December 1828

John Koen of ___ in the County of Pasquotank in the State of North Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treachery for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Corporal in Captain Tatum's Company, in the first Regiment of the North Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of \$80, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the third of March, 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department, Third Auditor's Office, 23rd December 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of \$80 has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

It further appears that John Koen is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been since the 3rd March 1828.

The name of John Koen cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Auditor

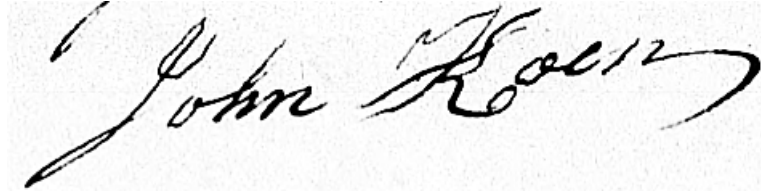
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled, An act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828 -- I John Koen of the County of Pasquotank in the State of North Carolina do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the Term of three years under Captain Demsey Gregory [Dempsey Gregory] in the 10th Regiment and served in that Regiment as a Sergeant until the spring of 1778 and then we joined headquarters at Valley Ford [Valley Forge] & there the ten regiments were reduced to two and I then went into the first Regiment in Captain Howell Tatum's Company and continued in the service of that company as a Corporal until taken a prisoner in Charleston South Carolina [Charleston South Carolina fell to

the British on May 12, 1780)¹ & remained a prisoner until regularly exchanged and then marched to Richmond Virginia and there was legally discharged after serving the three years at which period I was a Corporal in Captain Howell Tatum's company in the 1st Regiment of the North Carolina line -- And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of May 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand this 5th day of December in the year 1828.

S/ John Koen



Sworn to before me: S/ Wm S. Hinson, JP

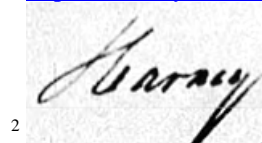
[Owen Williams and George Ferebee gave testimony as to the reputation of the applicant as a soldier of the revolution in his neighborhood.]

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State of North Carolina, Pasquotank County: SS

On the 3rd day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirty three, personally appeared John Koen a Resident of this County, in open Court being the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions then Setting & held for the said County, aged Seventy Six years Since January last past, who being duly Sworn according to Law, doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832; that he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777 with Captain Demsey Gregory [Dempsey Gregory], & Served in the 10th Regiment of the N. C. line under the following officers, Colonel Shepard [Abraham Sheppard], Captain Dempsey Gregory, Lieu. Caleb Koen, after which he marched to the Valley Forge, when the 10th Regiment was Reduced into two, and the said John Koen then served in the first Regiment, Commanded by Col. Thomas Clark, Captain Howell Tatem [Howell Tatum] and Lieut. William Walton, that he Volunteered in the Month of May in the year 1777, and continued in the Service till the month of July or first of August, 1782, that from the time of his enlistment say May 1777, he acted for the space of a Month as Drummer, that on marching to Join the 10th Regiment he was made a Sergeant, and Served as Such until he entered the first Regiment in the Month of April or May 1778 at Valley Forge, that on Joining the first Regiment he was made a Corporal in Capt. Howell Tatum's Company & served as such until his discharge at Richmond in July or August 1782, that he was born in the upper part of the County of Pasquotank, that he has a record of his age, in the Family Bible now in his possession, showing that he was born on the 27 day of January 1757, that he was living in the said County of Pasquotank when he Volunteered in the service, and has lived & still doth live there since the Revolutionary War, that he recollects Colonel Patten [John Patten] of the 2nd Regiment & Lt Col. Harney [Selby Harney?]² of the same, that he received a discharge but has lost it. That George Ferebee Esquire Clerk & Master of the Court of Equity for the County of Camden, Owen Williams Esquire, Chairman of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the said County of Pasquotank, and Charles Grice Esquire Clerk of the said Court

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

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are and have been for many years acquainted with this deponent, and will readily testify as to his Character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. That he was engaged at the battle of Monmouth, on the 28th day of June 1778, that after his entering the service, he marched to the Roanoke, from thence through Virginia & Maryland to Head quarters, then at the Valley Forge, that after the Battle of Monmouth he march[ed] to White Plains, from thence to West Point from thence to Philadelphia & from thence to Charleston South Carolina, where he was taken prisoner; after being exchanged in July 1782, he was transferred to James Town in Virginia, from thence marched to Richmond, where he was discharged—he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Koen

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State of North Carolina Pasquotank County:

This day William Boswell³ appeared in open Court & being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith, that the statement made in the annexed declaration of John Koen , his true to his knowledge, he having served in the same Regiments & during the same time with the said John Koen.

S/ William Boswell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Boswell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ William Boswell".

Sworn & subscribed to in open court this third day of June 1833

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that John Koen a Sergeant in ___ company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 30th May 1777 for three years, that he was a Corporal in June 1778 -- nothing more is said of him on the rolls.

In 1784, a Warrant for land was issued to him as a Corporal for four years on the certificate of a field Officer.

Given under my hand this 4th November 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$102.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant and Corporal in the North Carolina Continental line.]

³ [William Boswell W18639](#)