

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Kanselar SC4488
Audited Account No. 4159A

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The petition of John Kansilor [sic] praying for a pension
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South Carolina

Pendleton District} To the Honorable Senate and House of representatives; your humble
petitioner beg Leave to state to your honourable bady; that he when young inlisted in the year
1775, under Captain Ezekiel Polk in Col. Thopsons [William Thomson's] trupe [troop] of horse
Cal'd rangers and got an honourable discharge; (which your pettioner Sent to the board of war
at washington which I never got againe) then your pettioner Contuned through the whole of the
revelutionry war as a matalle [militia] man being Some times drafted and Some times a
Volenteere; and in many severe Battels, (to wit) kings mountain² haning rock³ and rocky
mount;⁴ fish-dam ford;⁵ Black-Stocks⁶ Sumters defeate,⁷ and many other Crimmeges
[scrimmages]; till the year 1783 in which tim undergoing Great fetague [fatigue]; and many
Loses; now your petitioner is Seventy two years old; and through the dispensations of providance
is without menns [means] and is incuble [incapable] of Labouring by reason of old age infirmety;
and no altarntive now but that of applying to means provided for the indegent poor; which your

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² Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

³ Hanging Rock, August 6, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁴ Rocky Mount, July 30, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

⁵ Fish Dam Ford, November 9, 1780

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishdam_ford.html

⁶ Blackstock's, November 20, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁷ Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html

humble petitioner hope your honourable body will not suffer an old Soldier to doe Therefore your petitioner prays your Honorable body will Seriously Consider the Sitation of a poor worn [worn] out old Soldier; and Extend your Benevalance to your humble petitioner in placing him on the pention List: (as it is not Long when he must [text obliterated] time and be no more) and as in duty bound will preay

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21 1820

S/ John Kanselor



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Major Thomas Henderson Certificate for John Canseller [sic]

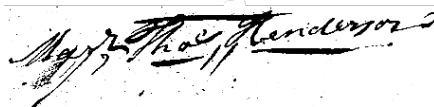
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South Carolina

Pendleton District} Personally appeared before me Edward Norton one of the Justices of the Peace of the said District Major Thomas Henderson,⁸ and made Oath that he the said Henderson, was well Acquainted with Mr. John Canseller Senior Since the year 1777, and after the fall of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], that he was with him (the Said Canseller) a great Servitude in the year 1780 & 81 & 82, under the Command of General Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], and he was a true friend to his country, and also Very active and forward in defense thereof; also Said Canseller has been much Distressed and body for Six or Seven years and far Reduced in property. Sworn to and Subscribed to before me this 9th November 1820

S/ Edward Norton, JP

S/ Majr. Thos. Henderson



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The affidavit [of] Col. John Moffett

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South Carolina Pendleton district} Personally came Col. John Moffiet [sic] before me the subscribing Justice and being duly Sworn; Saith that he was acquainted with John Knasler [sic] (formerly of York District in the State aforesaid) and he knew the said Knasler through the Revolutionary war and that he was always called a Good soldier and a brave man in defense of his Country and that he rendered many important Services to Support independence. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 22nd day of May 1820

S/ G. W. Simpson, JQ

S/ John Moffett C. L.



⁸ [Thomas Henderson W10102](#)

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December 11 1820

Report of the Committee on pensions on the petition of John Kenseller

In the House of Representatives

December 12, 1820

Resolved that the House do agree to the Report Ordered to the Senate for concurrence

by order of the house

S/ R. Anderson, C. H. R.

In Senate 14th December 1820

Resolved that this House do concur in the Report. Ordered that the Same be returned to the

House of Representatives

By order of Senate

S/ Wm D. Martin, C. S.

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of John Kansaler [sic] praying to be placed on the Pension roll

Report –

That they have considered the same, and recommend he be placed on the pension roll.

S/Sam Warren – Chairman

[p 10: voucher dated June 1, 1825 reflecting the payment of \$60 to John Kansler's Annuity]

[p 11: Voucher dated October 31, 1831 reflecting the payment of \$180 for three years annuity to John Kansaler as a revolutionary Soldier. The veteran signed this voucher with his mark.]