

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Kennedy W10167 Sarah Kennedy f76SC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of Missouri County of Warren: SS

On this twentieth day of April 1846 personally appeared before Ezra Hunt Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the third Judicial Circuit in the State of Missouri Sarah Kennedy a resident of the State and county aforesaid aged seventy two years who being first duly sworn in open court according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Thomas Kennedy who service is proven by the certificate of the Comptroller of South Carolina. She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Kennedy on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1793 that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Kennedy died on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1823 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1794 viz.: at the time above stated.

S/ Sarah Kennedy



[p 53: Affidavit dated October 20, 1845 given in Lincoln County Missouri by Samuel Gibson stating that he was present at the marriage of Thomas Kennedy and Sarah Gibson; that they were married by publication by John Cleveland a Baptist minister on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1793 in Pendleton County South Carolina.



[p 37: Certificate from the South Carolina Comptroller Generals office in Columbia South Carolina dated March 27 1846 showing payments made to Thomas & William Kennedy for militia service with pavement having been made to Thomas & the estate of William Kennedy; the certificate indicates 252 days service by Thomas Kennedy at 20 shillings per day and pavement to the estate of William Kennedy for 180 days duty at 22 shillings 6 pence per day and

1779; payments to Thomas Kennedy in 1780 for militia service of unspecified length; pavement 427 days as a private footmen in Captain Nathaniel Jeffries Company Colonel Thomas Brandon's Regiment from May 6 to June one 1780; pavement to Thomas Kennedy for militia duty in Captain Baxter's company General Marion's brigade of unspecified length; payment for 10 months and 8 days duty in Captain Baxter's company General Marion's brigade from the first of November 1780 to September 8, 1781. **Transcriber's Note: Query whether or not any of these services relate to this veteran. In my opinion, there is not enough evidence in the file to connect these claims to this widow's husband.]**

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State of Missouri Warren County: SS

On this 21st day of August 1849 personally appeared before the justices of the County Court in and for the County of Warren and State of Missouri in open Court Sarah Kennedy a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-five years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838, March 3, 1843 and June 17, 1844 entitled "acts granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" that she is the widow of Thomas Kennedy who volunteered in the militia service in the month of August in the year 1778 in York County State of South Carolina for an unknown length of time; and served under Captain Jacob Barnet [Jacob Barnett] and under Colonel Sumter [Thomas Sumter]; under this enlistment he was in the battle at Briar Creek on the 10th day of March 1779.<sup>1</sup> She does not know the Regiment he belonged to nor when he was discharged; the applicant further states that she has in support of her claim the certificate of the Secretary of the State of South Carolina filed at the war department; that the aforesaid Thomas Kennedy served five towers [sic, tours] in the Revolutionary war in South Carolina as a private soldier, she further states that from age length of time infirmity and the loss of memory that this is the best statement she can make; that she has no documents in her possession to support her claim. She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Kennedy on the 9th day of April 1793, that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Kennedy died on the 15th day of August 1723 in Warren County State of Missouri; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz.: at the time above stated.

S/ Sarah Kennedy

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sarah Kennedy", written in a cursive style. The signature is somewhat faded and has some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year above written.

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State of Illinois Pike County: SS

This day personally appeared before me Alexander Starne Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County Samuel Gibson who being first duly sworn does depose and say, That he was acquainted with Thomas Kennedy and Sarah Kennedy, whose maiden name was Sarah Gibson, and I do further say that I was one of the witnesses to the marriage celebration of the said Thomas Kennedy and Sarah Gibson, which took place on the 9th day of April 1793. And the

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<sup>1</sup> Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

deponent further saith that he is satisfied that the said Thomas Kennedy served in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain, in conjunction with William Kennedy, And the deponent further saith that he heard the said Thomas Kennedy said that he served in the Revolutionary war with William Kennedy under the command of Captain Barnett and further deponent saith not.

S/ Samuel Gibson

[attested by Alexander Starne, Clerk September 1, 1849]

[p 7: On October 5, 1849 in Lincoln County Missouri, Joseph Gibson gave an affidavit that he was acquainted with Thomas Kennedy and Sarah Kennedy whose maiden name was Sarah Gibson and was one of the witnesses at their marriage celebration and that he has heard Thomas Kennedy state that he was a soldier of the revolutionary war. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

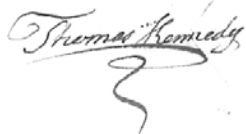
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State of Missouri County of Warren

On this 29th day of March 1852 personally appeared before me a Justice of the County Court within & for the County & state aforesaid Sarah Kennedy, widow of Thomas Kennedy, deceased & in whose statements full & entire confidence may be reposed & who being duly sworn according to law states, that there does not exist any private or public record of her marriage, nor does there exist any public or private record of the births of her to first children. Her to first children were twins, born on the 22nd day of October 1794, it being one year & 7 months and 13 days after her marriage. Said twins died while infants. Joseph & Samuel Gibson were present at her marriage from whom she will endeavor to obtain some additional facts to strengthen the period of her marriage.

S/ Sarah Kennedy

[p 13: Last Will & Testament of Thomas Kannadey [sic] of Missouri Territory, St. Charles County Township of Quiver [?]; he names his wife Sarah; two eldest children, Tabitha Gibson and James Kannadey; appoints his wife and Samuel Gibson as executors of this estate. The will is dated July 29, 1815. The will bears the signature of "Thomas Kennedy"—which leads me to believe that the body of the will was written by someone other than the testator since in the body of the will the testator and his family members' names are spelled "Kannadey."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Kennedy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

This PROBABLY isn't the actual signature of the testator as the clerk certifies that the "will is truly recorded in my office in Book A pages 2/. 2 & 3." The signature, however, is definitely in a different handwriting than that of either the clerk or the body of the will.]

[p 18: On April 7, 1852 in Lincoln County Missouri, Joseph Gibson gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Sarah Gibson and Thomas Kennedy; that they were married on April 9, 1793 which he recalls based on the birth of the affiants youngest brother and the death of the affiant's Father; that the birth of the affiant's younger brother occurred on December 30, 1792 and his father died July 8, 1793; that the marriage of Sarah and Thomas took place in the interval between those 2 events; that Sarah Kennedy is the affiant's sister.

Joseph Gibson ]

[Veteran's widow was granted a pension at the rate of \$63.55 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1848, for her husband service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]