

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kennedy (Kenarda, Kannady) W10170 Cherry Kennedy f94NC  
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In order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832, 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, 4<sup>th</sup> March 1843, and 17<sup>th</sup> June 1844, granting pensions to Soldiers of the Revolution and their widows:

State of South Carolina, Sumter District: SS

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April A.D. 1850, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Ordinary of the District aforesaid, Mrs. Argent Crosswell a resident of said District aged 62 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the acts of Congress above named granting Pensions to certain Soldiers of the revolutionary war, and their widows: that she is the Daughter of John Kennedy and Cherry Kennedy his wife, late of the District and State aforesaid deceased; that her Father the aforesaid John Kennedy was, as she has often heard him say, a soldier of the Revolution, that he first served in the Militia and afterwards in the Regular Army in the State Line of North Carolina, that she has often heard him say that he served at one [time] under Captain Hadley [Joshua Hadley], that he was at the Battle of Brier [sic, Briar] Creek [March 3, 1779],<sup>1</sup> that he would was under General Gates [Horatio Gates] at the time of his defeat at Camden [August 15-16, 1780]<sup>2</sup> in 1780, and also served under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in the Battle of Camden with Lord Rawdon in April 1781 [Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781]<sup>3</sup> and the Battle of Eutaw Springs in September 1781 [September 8, 1781],<sup>4</sup> besides which she cannot more recollect: that she cannot say how long he served but believes that including the militia his whole service was over four years, that in General Gates Battle of Camden he acted as Sergeant of the Rear Guard, and that he received an honorable discharge in the latter part of the year 1781 soon after the Battle of Eutaw Springs; that she verily believes that the Discharge or Discharges her Father received for services herein referred to were lost or destroyed before the death of her said Father as she does not recollect that she ever saw them; that subsequently [sic] to the Battle of Eutaw Springs her Father the said John Kennedy again enlisted in the service she thinks under Captain Hadley but was in no more Battles after the last Enlistment; that her Father the said John Kennedy was married to her Mother soon after the Revolutionary War, in Pitt County North Carolina, as she believes: that she does not know that there is any Record of their Marriage either public or private, but she hopes the proofs which she sends herewith will be satisfactory; that her Father and Mother removed from North Carolina into Sumter District South

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hobkirks\\_hill.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

Carolina, in or about the year 1802, and resided there until their deaths: that her Father the aforesaid John Kennedy died in Sumter District aforesaid on or about the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1832, and that her Mother the aforesaid Cherry Kennedy died in said District on or about the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1845; that just before her Father's last sickness he made arrangements to go to North Carolina to obtain proof from living witnesses to enable him to apply for a pension, but his death prevented him from making application; that her Mother aforesaid never applied for a Pension during her life because she did not know she was entitled to one or because she had no person to aid her in an attempt; and that the only children of the said John and Cherry Kennedy are this Declarant aged 62 years, and Sarah Crosswell aged 60 years; she therefore prays that her Father's name be placed upon the Pension Roll under the act of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 and her Mother's name under the Acts of 1838, 1843, and 1844 aforesaid, and that said pension be made payable to her and her only sister aforesaid and further this declarant saith not.

S/ Argent Crosswell

*Argent Crosswell*

Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court the day and year before written.

S/ William Lewis, C. C.

& Judge, Court Ordinary SD

[p 4: On April 22, 1850 in Sumter District South Carolina, Wiley D. Stuckey gave testimony that he is married to a granddaughter of the late John Kennedy and Cherry his wife; that he, deponent, attended the funeral of Cherry Kennedy; that she died March 31, 1845; that he made a record of her death in his family Bible on the day he attended her funeral.

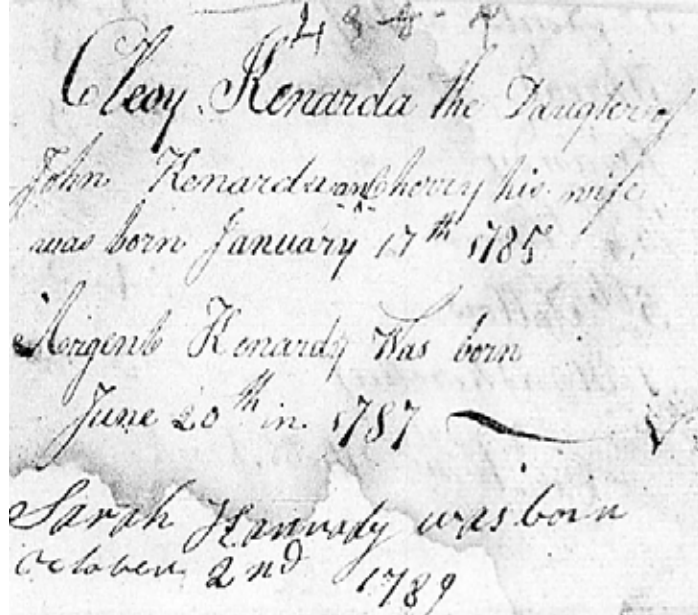
*W. D. Stuckey* ]

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Cleoy Kenarda the Daughter of John Kenarda Cherry his wife was born January 17<sup>th</sup> 1785

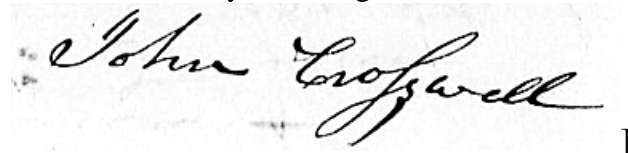
Argent Kenardy was born June 20<sup>th</sup> 1787

Sarah Kannady was born October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1789



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[p 7: On April 5, 1850 in Sumter District South Carolina, John Crosswell gave testimony that the above record of the births of the children of John and Cherry Kennedy is the only record kept by John Kennedy of the births of his children; that Cleoy died about 5 years ago and that Argent and Sarah are the only surviving children of John and Cherry Kennedy.



John Crosswell ]

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State of South Carolina Sumter District: SS

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April A.D. 1850 before the undersigned a Magistrate in and for said District duly Authorized by law to Administer oaths personally appeared Captain James Rembert a resident of said District aged Sixty Seven years who being duly sworn according to law deposed & saith that he has known Mrs. Argent Crosswell and her sister Mrs. Sarah Crosswell who are now applying for a pension, for forty-four years as the only children of the identical John Kennedy who lived in this District and for the Character of having been a Revolutionary Soldier and died on or about the last of November 1832, that he knows that the said John Kennedy died about the time above named from the fact that Deponent was at that time a member of the State Legislature and called to see the said John Kennedy on Saturday before the meeting of the legislature which was on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of November & that deponent also had a Daughter married about the same time; that at the time he saw said John Kennedy as above stated he found him very low and soon after Deponent went to Columbia he heard that the said John Kennedy was dead: that he was well acquainted with the said John Kennedy from the year 1806 to the time of his death which was at the time above stated; that he often heard the said John Kennedy say that he was in the Battle of Camden at the time of General Gates' defeat that he afterwards joined General Greene's Army and was in the Battle of Camden with Lord Rawdon. He further swears that he was for many years acquainted with James Spann<sup>5</sup> who was likewise said to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and who settled in this District some time after the close of said war: that John Kennedy (above named) and deponent about thirty years ago went in company to an Election held for Major at a place called "Swimming Pens" in this District, that after they arrived at said Election Ground the said John Kennedy came up to deponent and asked (pointing to James Spann) "is not that man's name Spann?" Deponent answered in the affirmative, when Mr. Kennedy made towards Mr. Spann, and that they recognized each other as Brother Soldiers, Embraced and wept: the deponent was himself very much affected, that both said John Kennedy and James Spann stated that they were messmates together in Gates' Army; that they became separated in time of his defeat, and neither had heard of the other until they met as herein described having settled on coming to this District at a considerable distance from each other, that from the first acquaintance of said John & Cherry Kennedy which commenced in 1806 as before stated that the said Cherry was reputed & believed to be the lawful wife of said John Kennedy, that his acquaintance with said Cherry Kennedy continued to the time of her death in March 1845; He also swears that the said John Kennedy was always known to Deponent and others as an honest man in the fullest sense of the word that he was a man who had the highest regard for truth, and he fully believes that all that said John Kennedy told him of his Revolutionary Services was truth and nothing but the truth; he further

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<sup>5</sup> [James Spann S9484](#) Interestingly, Spann does not claim in his own application for a pension to have been at the battle of Camden, perhaps because dissipation in that unfortunate engagement was not a source of pride for those who served on the American side.

sayeth that the said John Kennedy often told him he served nearly throughout the War and that he was in other Engagements other than those spoken of which Deponent cannot now recollect; that having examined the declaration of Mrs. Argent Crosswell, and her sister Mrs. Sarah Crosswell as respectable, credible person, and all their acquaintances believe that there Father the said John Kennedy was a faithful soldier of the Revolutionary War Deponent has been a resident of this District from his Infancy to the present time.

S/ Jas. Rembert

[p 24: On April 5, 1850 in Sumter District South Carolina William H Holleyman, M. D., 39, gave testimony that he is the son of Hermon Holleyman who died last year at the age of 83; that affiant has often heard his father say that his 2 half brothers Edward Jarvis<sup>6</sup> and John Jarvis were soldiers in the revolution and fought at the battle of Briar Creek; that affiant's father also spoke of having heard John Kennedy speak of having been at the battle of Briar Creek with Edward and John Jarvis.]

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State of South Carolina Sumter District: SS

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April A.D. 1850 before the undersigned a Magistrate in and for said District duly authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Captain M. DuBose a resident of the said District age Fifty-two years who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with Mrs. Argent Crosswell and her Sister Mrs. Sarah Crosswell who are now applying for a pension due to their late father John Kennedy and their late Mother Cherry Kennedy for the Services of their said Father in the Revolutionary War; that he knew the said John Kennedy and wife forty-five years ago (when deponent was a Boy) that they bore the character of respectable credible persons and the history of the neighborhood has long been that the said John Kennedy served several years as a soldier in the Revolutionary war first in the militia and afterwards in the North Carolina Continental line; that he has often heard the said John Kennedy say that he was in the Battle of Camden at the time of General Gates' defeat, that he afterwards joined General Greene's Army and was at the Battle of Eutaw Springs and also a Battle at Moore's Creek Bridge<sup>7</sup> in North Carolina about the year 1776 and others which he does not now recollect, and this deponent verily believes that said John Kennedy did much actual service in the year 1780, 1781 and 1782 and was in the service till the close of the said war; Deponent is the son of the late Captain Peter Debose<sup>8</sup> who served in the war of the Revolution under General Marion and other officers and held the rank of Captain and whose name was placed on the Pension roll under the Act (he thinks) of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832; that he knows that his said Father always recognized and believed the above named John Kennedy to have been a faithful soldier in the War of the Revolution; that the said John Kennedy died about the last of November 1832, that he knows his death occurred about that date from the fact that this deponent a very few days after the death of said John Kennedy went to Columbia where he was upon the 10<sup>th</sup> of December following the death of said John Kennedy and there met a relative of said John Kennedy and told him of his death of which he had not before heard; that Cherry Kennedy the widow of said John Kennedy survived him until about the last of March 1845 when she also died that both the above named John & Cherry Kennedy died in this District, that the said Argent & Sarah Crosswell are the only children of the said John & Cherry Kennedy who are now living; and it is the belief of all their acquaintances that their father served as they have

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<sup>6</sup> [Edward Jarvis W7871](#)

<sup>7</sup> February 27, 1776 [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_moores\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html)

<sup>8</sup> [Peter Dubose \(DuBose\) S21163](#)

stated and further this deponent sayeth not.

S/ M. DuBose

[p. 29 of Fold3.com version lists the 'proofs' submitted with this application. No affidavit was submitted from men claiming to have fought with Kennedy in the War.]

[p 61: Certificate of the NC Comptroller of Public Accounts regarding the payments made to one John Kennedy for services in the Revolution]

Relique n<sup>o</sup>  
Compt Office  
Dec 6 1850

I William St Collins Comptroller of  
Public Accounts do and for the State  
of North Carolina do hereby Certify  
that the Name of John Kennedy appears  
of record in my office as having received  
Certificates for Military services as follows  
(Vz) One for nine pounds, ten shillings  
(#8.10) see Book 8 No 26 page 29. also another  
for Twenty one pounds, ten shillings (#21.10)  
see Book 8 No 2 page 22 also another for  
Thirteen pounds, thirteen shillings (#13.13) see  
Book 8 No 11 page 90 - also another for  
Six pounds, (#6) see Book 8 No 5 page 34  
also another for Twelve pounds, (#12) see  
Book 8 No 6 page 25 - also three other  
Currency Certificates amounting to \$913.7  
Nine hundred & thirteen pounds, see  
Book 6 No 13 pages 98-100. & 118, (the same  
Currency) given under my hand  
and seal this 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 1850

Wm Collins Compt

[p 89: On April 20, 1850 in Sumter District South Carolina, John J Crosswell of said district gave testimony that he is the son of Mrs. Argent Crosswell and the grandson of John Kennedy & Cherry Kennedy, both deceased

John J. Crosswell

[Veteran's widow was granted a posthumous pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum based on her husband service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line and militia.]