

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Kincheloe W1620 Nancy Kincheloe

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State of Kentucky County of Breckenridge: SS

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court holden in and for the County of Breckenridge Thomas Kincheloe a resident of Hardinsburg in the County of Breckenridge and State of Kentucky aged 71 years the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 with Captain Peter Grant as a recruiting Sergeant that owing to the nature of his service the names of the Field & Company officers under whom he served except his Captain were not deeply impressed on his memory and he cannot now recollect them he belonged to the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line and continued in the service till sometime in the year 1780 he thinks when he was discharged at Fauquier Courthouse Virginia by Captain Grant. He resided in the County of Fauquier & State of Virginia at the time he entered the Service. He believes he was employed considerably upwards of two years in this service.

He was drafted for another term of service in the militia ordered out by the State of Virginia and was called out into service sometime in January 1781 but was ordered to return home again and was again called out according to his recollection on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1781. His officers were Captain John Chun [John T. Chunn] and Colonel Armstead Churchill [Armistead Churchill] of the militia who after the junction with the Army at Williamsburg worth succeeded by Captain John Edens, Major Welch Colonel Elias Edmunds and General Weedon [George Weedon]. The troops to which he belonged met on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1781 at Fauquier Courthouse Virginia, thence marched through Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George [counties] to Williamsburg where we joined the Army. When he reached the Army he as orderly Sergeant was detached from it with 24 men under him to Yorktown under Captain Edens – where he remained until a simultaneous attack was made by the British Army under the Command of Cornwallis on Williamsburg & Yorktown and was driven out of Yorktown by a body of the British supposed to be about a thousand strong making his escape on York River under the fire of the British. The British left Yorktown and he returned to it again in about 3 days. And about 10 days afterwards he was discharged by Captain Edens. He thinks he was discharged sometime in May and served this tour nearly 4 months. He resided in Fauquier County Virginia when he entered the service.

He was again drafted and entered the service of the United States in the militia of Virginia as orderly Sergeant under Captain William Grigsby Major Welch Colonel Brent &

General Lafayette. He entered into the service on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1781 assembling at Fauquier Courthouse Virginia in which County he still resided, joined the Army about 12 miles above Williamsburg and remained with the Army till the last of September of that year when after having been sick near a month and having become very much emaciated & enfeebled but still continuing with the Army & discharging his duty as well as he could, He obtained a permit from General Lawson [Robert Lawson] to leave the Army for the recovery of his health and 2 of his mess Peter Russ & \_\_\_ Shacklett owing to his great debility were permitted to attend him and assist him home. Shortly afterwards Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781]. And the Army disbanded. He served this tour about three months and obtained his discharge from Captain Grigsby. All of which discharges were burned up the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 1784 by his house taking on fire & burning up at that time. That he has no documentary evidence. He was born in Fairfax County Virginia – but his father moved from there to Fauquier County Virginia when he was a year old. He moved from Fauquier County Virginia to Nelson County Kentucky and from thence to Breckenridge County Kentucky where he has lived about 32 years & still lives. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state.  
Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/Thomas Kincheloe



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Kentucky Breckenridge County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Breckenridge Thomas Kincheloe who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For four months he served as an orderly Sergeant under Captain Edens. For three months he served as orderly Sergeant under Captain Grigsby. He states also that he was employed not less than two years under the command of Captain Peter Grant as a recruiting Sergeant attached to the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. He received a discharge from his said Captain before said Regiment was called out into actual service if it ever was according to his recollection said Regiment was not at that time fully completed – And that the soldiers were sent off as they enlisted to other regiments & composed part of them. And for this service also together with the others he believes he is entitled by law & justice to compensation.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833

S/ Vivian Daniel, JP

S/ Thos. Kincheloe



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Kentucky Breckenridge County Sct. April 27, 1833

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for

the County of Breckenridge Barney Miller<sup>1</sup> a resident of said County & made oath that he is now upwards of 68 years of age being of that age on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of last September according to the best information he has on that subject. He states that he was out in the revolutionary war in the early part of the year 1780 until fall of the same year. That while out on that tour he frequently heard of a Sergeant by the name of Kincheloe who belonged to the same division of the Army that he did though not to the same company that said Kincheloe was very swift in a race and was frequently running races with other men in the Army and was a good deal talked about. He did not know him then personally. But he has been acquainted with Thomas Kincheloe (who has applied for a pension) in this County for 27 or 30 years and that ever since he has known him they have talked on the subject he has fully believed that he was the same man he heard of during the war. We have frequently talked together about said tour for 27 or 30 years back. And the said Kincheloe has told me of circumstances that I knew had taken place. That I think no one could have told so particularly unless he had been there. Such as the taking of a keg of cider one night by a man by the name of Huffman and his filling it full of sand and syncing it to escape detection. And that Colonel Darke's & his waiter's horses were killed by a stroke of lightning while standing in a sunk piece of ground and there was but a small cloud. And but little appearance of danger – He also has told me about the circumstances of the men imitating a frog in calling the name of "Jo Dark" the Colonel – one man in the evening beginning it and it would go through the whole Camp – And the Circumstances of getting Pine limbs rails & one night to make places too late on account of the ground being covered with water it being low & marshy ground and a heavy rain having fallen. And other circumstances of a like kind told without being suggested by me the said Miller convinced me that he was there and I fully believe that he served this tour as he states in his declaration And I further certify that the said Barney Miller is a credible witness and that I believe he is of the age stated in this affidavit. Given under my hand as justice of the peace as aforesaid the day and year aforesaid

S/ Philip Lightfoot, JP

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Union County to wit

This day personally appeared before me George F Catlett an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Union in the State aforesaid Henry H Floyd<sup>2</sup> and made oath that he was well acquainted with Thomas Kincheloe who lived in Fauquier County Virginia during the Revolutionary War. That he knows said Kincheloe served one tour of duty in the Revolutionary War under Captain Grigsby this affiant served in the same company with said Kincheloe. This affiant further says that he believes this service was rendered in 1781 and that it was of three months tour, he knows he was absent more than three months. This affiant further states that he served another tour of three months in a Battalion commanded by Major Welch, and he believes that Kincheloe served this tour with him also as to the 2<sup>nd</sup> tour he is not so positive but only states from the best of his recollection. This affiant further states that said Thomas Kincheloe is of respectable family and has sustained the character of an honest man & a man of truth, he has known Kincheloe for many years in Kentucky. This affiant further states that he will be 72 years of age on the first day of September next. This affiant states that he remembers to have heard Kincheloe complain that he had been drafted to serve on one of the tours which he served with this affiant immediately after he had got his discharge from Captain Grant – but of his service

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<sup>1</sup> [Barney Miller S16973](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Henry H. Floyd S31030](#)

under Grant this affiant has no other knowledge – than what said Kincheloe stated in the Army on the subject.


And I the said George F Catlett do further certify that I am well acquainted with the said Henry H Floyd, and that he is able credible person and he has no doubt but that he is of the age stated in this affidavit. Given under my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833

S/ G. F. Catlett

[p 25: On April 20, 1840 in Breckenridge County Kentucky, Joseph Hutchison, 83, gave testimony that sometime in the year 1778 or 1779 he saw Thomas Kincheloe who now lives in Hardinsburg Kentucky dressed in a uniform and wearing a sword in Loudoun County Virginia where he was recruiting as a Sergeant where the "Crowd came very near mobbing him [Kincheloe] for his opposition."



[p 28: On July 29, 1837 in Nelson County Kentucky, Sally Rector, 83, gave testimony that she recalls seeing Thomas Kincheloe in Fauquier County where he enlisted in the month of July 1777 or 1778 as orderly Sergeant under Captain Peter Grant in the recruiting service for 2 years and Kincheloe was discharged and returned home on account of "the failure [to recruit] of men sufficient to make up a Regiment."



[p 56: On May 22, 1833, in Muhlenberg County Kentucky, William Young,<sup>3</sup> about 78 years old, gave testimony that during the revolutionary war he lived in Fauquier County Virginia and was there acquainted with Thomas Kincheloe who now lives in Breckenridge County Kentucky; that affiant while in the northern Army where Thomas Kincheloe served under Captain Peter Grant; that affiant does not know but understands from others that Kincheloe served the time of his enlistment.



[p 11: On December 17, 1849 in Breckenridge County Kentucky, Nancy Kincheloe, 70, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Thomas Kincheloe, a revolutionary war veteran at the rate of \$35 per annum; that she married him December 2, 1794; that he departed this life November 10, 1845; and that she remains his widow.]

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<sup>3</sup> [William Young S14913](#)

[p 85: On August 9, 1850, in Breckenridge County Kentucky, Jesse W Kincheloe gave testimony authenticating the family records [which appear on pages 6 through 9 of this pension file] as being in the hand writing of his father except for a few of the entries

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse W. Kincheloe". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent 'J' at the start and a long, sweeping tail on the 'e' at the end.

[Facts in file: Veteran married August 24, 1780 Hannah Robinson who was born August 24, 1762; she died November 10, 1791; veteran then married December 2, 1794, Nancy Edwards who was born April 18, 1779; Nancy was allowed her pension on application executed December 17, 1849 when she resided in Hardinsburg Kentucky; the veteran and his first wife, Hannah, had the following children:

William born July 12, 1781, married October 13, 1799

Joseph born June 2, 1783, married March 5, 1805

Peggy born August 24, 1785 [she died June 20, 1818], married Richard Purkins [died August 23, 1809] February 5, 1809

Molly born August 24, 1787, died August 24, 1791

Caty born August 24, 1789, died August 24, 1792

Infant male child born did November 1, 1791

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the veteran and his wife Nancy had the following children:

John born May 8, 1896, died August 18, 1817

Philip born February 4, 1789, married Caroline Stith October 9, 1823

Hannah Robinson born February 17, 1800, died December 24, 1814

Lewis born November 7, 1801, married Mary Fontaine April 28, 1828

Thomas Jefferson born October 28, 1803, died September 29, 182?

Jesse White born December 22, 1805, married Claracey Reno May 26, 1829

Allen born March 17, 1808

Purkins born March 27, 1810

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in addition to the above family data, there is family data relating to the following persons whose relationship to the veteran is not known:

Juley died January 22, 1818

William Reno died August 23, 1826

R. Perkins Kincheloe married December 27, 1832 to Mary Pate]

[Was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 7 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]