

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Kendall<sup>1</sup> W25775 Malinda Hitt<sup>2</sup>

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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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' 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.]

State of Virginia Culpeper County SS

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Culpeper County now sitting Francis Kendall a resident of Culpeper County State of Virginia aged seventy-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the \_\_ year with Lieutenant Thomas Helma [?]<sup>3</sup> and served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment of the line under the following named officers, Captain Francis H Lee [?]<sup>4</sup> was the Captain of his company, Major Leitch [Andrew Leitch] and Colonel Weeden [George Weedon] commanded the Regiment when he first joined it. That he enlisted in the County of Prince William, in the State of Virginia where he was raised from about 6 years old into the service for 3 years – that Dumfries in the County of Prince William was the recruiting rendezvous, from thence was marched to Philadelphia, and from thence to New York – in a few days after arriving in the City of New York – was in the Battle of York Island, was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Germantown [October 4, 1777] and continued in the service 3 years and about 6 months before he received his Discharge, that he received a wound, whilst in the service, in the head, from which he has experienced great inconvenience, particularly as age advances producing and abstraction of his mental faculties for short periods of time; That he petitioned Congress some several years past [indecipherable word] in consequence of his disability incurred in the service of his Country, which Petition he is informed by the Representative in Congress from the District in which he resides has not been acted upon.<sup>5</sup> That he obtained at that time evidence of his being in the service.

That he at present resides in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia and has so resided for the last 40 years past.

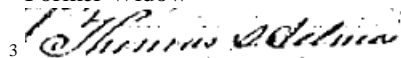
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

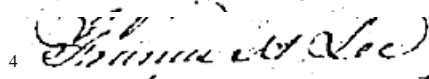
Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and date aforesaid

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt2360-160-55

<sup>2</sup> Former Widow

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<sup>5</sup> This file does not contain the petition alluded to by the veteran.

S/ F. T. Lightfoot

S/ Francis Kendall, X his mark

He makes his mark from his defect of site

[p 9: On January 9, 1854 in the Rappahannock County Virginia, Melinda Hitt, 61 years of age the 18<sup>th</sup> of October last, filed a claim for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of James Hitt and previously the widow of Francis Kendall, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married Francis Kendall her first husband January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1823 and that her name at the time of her marriage was Melinda Crismond; that Francis Kendall died February 11, 1835; that she married on October 20, 1835 or 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1835 [both dates given in her application] James Hitt her last husband who died October 20, 1853. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing July 27, 1868.]

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Addendum to Francis Kendall W25775

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 27 July 2020.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). The images are poor, and one item is illegible.]

Dear Sir [Gov. John Floyd].

Warnt [Warrenton?] Jan'y 21<sup>st</sup> 1831

I beg to trouble you with the papers now sent. The application of Francis Kendall is for a land warrant for a three years service. The case of Vawter [William Vawter R10921] is sent you at the insistance of [several undeciphered words]. Vawter drew his land bounty for 3 years service, [several undeciphered words] as having served to the close of the war, it is believed that his heirs should have [undeciphered] added thereto. Mr Kendall is my neighbour & [undeciphered], was in the hard fought actions of Brandywine, German Town, Mud Island [siege of Fort Mifflin 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777] & Monmouth C. H [Monmouth Court House 28 Jun 1777]. At Mud Island he was wounded. You will see from the pay rolls that he was in service & [three undeciphered words] that the list of land warrants already issued will shew that he has never obtained any lands whatsoever.

The daily papers give you so full an account of [several undeciphered words] that I have nothing to add to what you there see.

The trial of Peck[?] is progressing but so tardily as not to permit a conjecture as to its termination.

With great Respect & Regard/ Yrs truly/ J. S. Barbour