

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Kincaid <sup>1</sup> W26186 Elizabeth Kincaid f63NC  
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State of North Carolina, Burke County} Court of Pleas and Order Sessions April Term 1833

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1833 Personally appeared in open Court Robert Kincaid, now sitting, a resident of the County aforesaid aged Sixty-Nine years who being first sworn according to law doth on his Corporal oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 who states that he was born in Prince Edward County State of Virginia some time in the Year 1764 that he remained as he is informed in that State till he was about the age of three years from whence his father John Kincaid removed to Lincoln County North Carolina, at which Place & County he remained till about the year 1805 when he removed to the County of Burke where he now resides and has done ever since that Period. He further Swears that in the [year] 1781 he Substituted himself in the Place of one George Lides (whom he believes was drafted to go to South Carolina to Camden to join the Army of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]). The troops with whom he started and marched across the Catawba River at what is called the Tuckaseegee Ford and rendezvoused at Charlotte Mecklenburg County North Carolina about the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1781 under one Captain Espie [sic, Samuel Espey?] and General Thomas Polk. They were then marched [to] the town of Camden under Polk and Espey, they Joined General Greene's Army near the place where Greene fought the British about 3 days after the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill [April 25, 1781]. He was then placed with many other soldiers under the command of one Captain Jack [James Jack] formerly of Charlotte Mecklenburg County he thinks one Colonel Guilford Dudley had the command at that place, General Greene having left that place for a place called 96 [sic, Ninety Six]. He thinks he was part of the time under the command of one Major Marshall of South Carolina. He has no recollection how he came to be placed under the command of so many officers. He well recollects that they marched from a place called Lynches Creek from there to the flat Rock – and from thence to the Hanging Rock branch they were then guarding against the Tories General Greene having followed the British he remained in the Service this time or this Campaign three months at which time they were marched back to Charlotte where they all received their discharge and returned home. He received his discharge in writing and had it many years but has lost or mislaid the same so that he cannot find the same. He further swears that immediately or in a few days after his return from Camden – flat Rock &c – he was called on to go to Wilmington North Carolina he thinks he was drafted against the British and Tories he left off from Lincoln and marched on through Charlotte to Lillington's old fort near the mouth of Rocky River where it joins the Yadkin [River] where they encamped 4 or 5 days. They then marched on into some of the lower Counties their names he cannot now recollect to one Ned Williams he thinks near Fayetteville his brother James was there taken sick & he was sent back to Lincoln

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt13206-160-55

County with him. They had returned shortly after again to said Ned Williams' together with one Hugh Lucky [sic, Hugh Luckey]<sup>2</sup> when they arrived at said Williams' they was taken Prisoners by the Tories who threatened to hang them. They were left at length tied fast and stripped of everything they had – horses and all except the wearing apparel by this time the whole Army was discharged & all returned home in this campaign he was out 3 months.

He further states that some where about the first day of November 1781 he marched from Lincoln County North Carolina through Charlotte on to the house of one Adam Alexander about 15 miles East of Charlotte. He was under the Command of one Captain John Weir he thinks he was then a Volunteer they remained there at Alexander's till his Captain sent Abraham Forney<sup>3</sup> to the home of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] who lived in a few miles of Alexander's and had just returned from the expedition to Wilmington. They were then ordered by General Rutherford to return home to Lincoln County, under the command of one Captain Lofton [Thomas Lofton] with instructions to seize all the active Tories they could and bring them to Salisbury for confinement – they returned and took he thinks about 16 or 18 of the most active ones & carried them to Salisbury & there imprisoned them. This was a three months tour. He believes they were then discharged. He again received a discharge in writing but cannot tell [what] became of it.

He further swears that from this time which was as he believes the last of December 1781 he was a volunteer till the close of the American War although he was never recognized as a soldier in any Particular Campaign, but served as what was called a minute man against the Tories the whole neighborhood was continually marauded with the Tories and they were compelled to be on the alert constantly.

He further Swears that he was at one time under one Colonel Johnson – encamped in the County of Lincoln against the Tories. Paraded for the engagement one whole day but the Tories backing out there was no fight.

He thinks he can say with great safety he was in the service for 18 months or upwards against the British and Tories. Abraham Forney, Peter Forney,<sup>4</sup> Thomas McGee,<sup>5</sup> William Rankin,<sup>6</sup> Captain Baldrige<sup>7</sup> one Captain Jones with divers [others] were with him.

He further states that Lord Cornwallis was encamped on Captain Jacob Forney's Plantation in Lincoln County seven or eight days near his father's. During the time of the March of the British Army across the Catawba River he was engaged under the command of Colonel Joseph Dickson defeating their foraging Party, both Tories & British.

S/ Robt. Kincaid



Sworn to in open Court this 23<sup>rd</sup> Apl. 1833

Test: S/ J. Erwin, Clk.

Interrogatory put by the Court

1<sup>st</sup>: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 1764 in Prince Edward County State of Virginia as stated in my [illegible word]. I have a record of the same at home as given to me.

2<sup>nd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

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2 [Hugh Luckey S4580](#)

3 [Abraham Forney W3976](#)

4 [Peter Forney W4955](#)

5 This may be a reference to [Thomas McGee R6715](#)

6 [William Rankin S7342](#)

7 This may be a reference to Captain [John Baldrige W5789](#)

Answer: I lived in the County of Lincoln, North Carolina when called into Service. I now live in the County of Burke & have done so for about 26 years with the exception of about three years of my childhood I have lived all my life time in the Counties of Lincoln & Burke North Carolina.

3<sup>rd</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I was first a Substitute for one George Lides for a three month tour. The second tour which was a three month tour I was drafted. The third tour which was a three month tour I was a volunteer but was always a minute man.

4<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I first marched under one Captain Espey to Charlotte then under Thomas Polk to Camden where I joined General Greene. Then I was left under the command of one Captain Jack of Charlotte and Guilford Dudley. I think I was at one time under the command of one Major Marshall. I was also under one Captain Peter Forney, now General Peter Forney to go to Wilmington I was then a horseman I was also under the command of one Captain John Weir marched under him to Charlotte and then near the building of General Rutherford who ordered us back to Lincoln [County].

5<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: I received a discharge in writing from Captain Jack the first trip. I next received a discharge in writing from Captain Peter Forney the last Campaign or tour I served. Received a discharge from Abraham Forney who was then an Ensign but has long since lost or mislaid them believing as many others did that they would be of no benefit to me or any others.

6<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: John Silliman, Martin Kibler, Esqr., Thomas Hughes, Esqr., & Abraham Corpening, Robt. Kincaid who are now in Court. There being no regular minister of the Gospel in my neighborhood I must call on the Rev'd John Silliman who is now present in court.

I am well acquainted with Robert Kincaid for several years & I do hereby certify that he has sustained as far as known to me the character of a man of veracity and truth and entitled to credit I have been a resident of this County between eight & nine years and previous to this time have had no acquaintance in it but from the character of said Kincaid his appearance the circumstances of his family I mean that age of his children &c I believe him to be of the age he states & that his whole statement is entitled to belief.

Sworn to in open Court 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1833.

S/ John Silliman.

S/ J. Erwin, Clk.

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I Robert Kincaid do hereby relinquish every and all claim whatsoever to a Pension or annuity except the Present and I do hereby declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. April 23, 1833.

S/ Robt. Kincaid

Sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1833.

S/ J. Erwin, Clk.

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State of North Carolina, Burke County} Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Term 1833

James Kincaid<sup>8</sup> swears that he was with Robert Kincaid when he was in the American Service in time of the revolutionary war that they set off from Lincoln County North Carolina under the command of Captain Peter Forney (now General Peter Forney) on an expedition to Wilmington North Carolina against the British and Tories they marched through Charlotte and on across the Yadkin [River] at the mouth of the Rocky River in Cabarrus County they marched on to Colonel Edward Williams' near Wilmington at which place he witness was taken sick & could go no further. The British had in the mean time left Wilmington & the troops sent out against them were on their return home – when witness & Robert Kincaid returned home with them to Lincoln County – they was marched [?] out on a tour of three months this time – was discharged & came home-- witness and Applicant was only out as common soldiers and served as such.

S/ James Kincaid, X his mark

Sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1833.

Test: S/ J. Erwin, Clk.

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County}

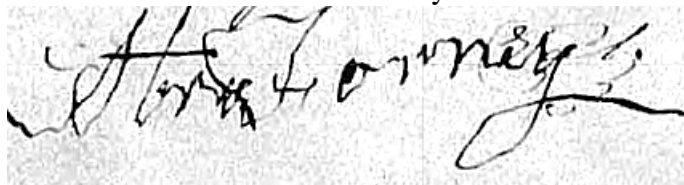
On the Request of Robert Kincaid (a Revolutionary Soldier) Abraham Forney came before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid and after being sworn in due form of law deposed and saith that Robert Kincaid together with this deponent who acted as Sergeant in the Company on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781 marched from Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina under Captain Espey and General Thomas Polk and proceeded towards Camden joined the Army under General Greene three days after the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill was then placed under Captain James Jack of Charlotte and Colonel Guilford Dudley General Greene then moved towards 96 and this deponent and Robert Kincaid left under command Major Marshall of South Carolina was encamped at Lynches Creek from there to the flat Rock from thence to the hanging Rock branch guarding against the Tories after Lord Rawdon and the British had evacuated Camden and finally marched to Charlotte to the best of his recollection he and Robert Kincaid were discharged about the middle of July 1781.

And further that this deponent and Robert Kincaid again served together under Captain John Weir commencing the first day of November in the said Year 1781 was marched through Charlotte about 15 miles east near to Colonel Adam Alexander's was there encamped when General Rutherford returned from the Expedition to Wilmington when this deponent was sent to him for orders he directed they should move to the County of Lincoln and apprehend the most active Tories and bring them to Salisbury Goal they were under the command of Captain Lofton and engaged in this service most of the month of December and in pursuance of said orders delivered a number of prisoners to Salisbury Goal on the last day of December 1781 and were then discharged this deponent acted as Ensign in the Company and has a distinct Recollection that Robert Kincaid was in service the whole time.

Sworn to & subscribed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1833.

S/ Jacob Arney [?], JP

S/ Abraham Forney

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abraham Forney". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized, typical of the late 18th or early 19th century.

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<sup>8</sup> [James Kincaid S7109](#)

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State of North Carolina Burke County }

This Day appeared Personally before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid Robert Kincaid who being duly Sworn, Deposeth and Saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the time of his Service (ex ? as to the time speaked [?] in the foregoing declaration, to wit, three months as a Substitute for one George Lides, three months as a drafted militia man and three months as a volunteer all of which time he served as a militia man – making nine months which he can speak of positively and that in the year 1781) but he states that according to the best of his knowledge & recollection he served Eighteen months in all as a militia man & in the grades mentioned to wit a private Soldier, for which Service he claims a Pension he further swears that during the Periods before mentioned, the nine months he was constantly in the service in the field and not Retained [?] in Garrison more than one week being the time to the best of his recollection & belief, he further states that when he went into the Service as a volunteer he expected to go to Wilmington under General Rutherford – but on Rutherford[‘s] Returning & the British as well as he recollects having evacuated the Place, he was then placed under the Command of one Captain Thomas McGee Captain Lofton & Captain John Weir one or the other having the command that he together with the rest of Soldiers & their Captain were ordered by General Rutherford to return to Lincoln County North Carolina from Mecklenburg County & there to arrest every Tory they could & Protect the Country from depredations committed by the Tories.

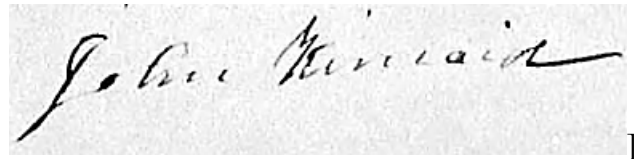
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> June 1833

S/ R. C. Pearson, JP

S/ Robt. Kincaid

[p 20: Elizabeth Kincaid (formerly Elizabeth Guthrey), widow, aged 71, filed in Burke County on May 11, 1853 for a widow's pension stating that she married Robert in June 1802; that Robert died a pensioner at the rate of \$26.66 per annum on June 26, 1836. She signed her application with her mark. p 22: She filed another application in Burke County on March 30, 1855 for bounty land. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 45: On February 20, 1854 in Burke County NC, John Kincaid, 67, gave testimony that he is the son of Robert Kincaid, deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner and that Elizabeth Kincaid is his father's widow.<sup>9</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Kincaid". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Kincaid". The signature ends with a long, sweeping flourish that extends to the right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing February 3, 1853.]

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<sup>9</sup> Thanks to Janie Elms Matthews for pointing out that John had to have been a child of the veteran's by an earlier marriage to Margaret Dunn.