

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Kennahorn W26642

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Virginia City of Williamsburg towit.

On this 9 day of July 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia personally appeared [before] me William Kennahorn aged 70 years a resident of the County of Accomack in said State, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

That the said William Kennahorn enlisted in Feby 1776 in the s'd County of Accomack for two years under Captain Levin Joins [sic: Levin Joynes] who commanded a company in the 9th Virginia line. That in the ensuing winter he was was marched by Col. [Thomas] Fleming to the north, but the Col being seized with the small pox at Princeton died [30 Jan 1777] and the command of the reg't. devolved on Col. Matthews [sic: George Mathews]. That he joined Gen'l Washington at Morrision [sic: Morristown NJ], and was engaged in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777]. that he served in the corps aforesaid or in the service of the United States his full term of 2 years when was discharged at Valley Forge in February 1778 —

That he has now in his possession no evidence of his services but refers to Genl Croppers statement in corroboration of this of this declaration [statement of John Cropper, pension application W3781, with the pension application of Samuel Russell, S38344]. That he is not in the receipt of any pension or support from government and from his reduced circumstances and advanced age stands in need of & requires the aid and assistance of his Country for his support

Sworn to before me the day & year aforesaid

James Semple

State of Virginia County of Accomack Sc

On this 28th day of April 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Accomack in the State of Virginia William Kennahorn resident in said County aged Eighty two years who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; That he the said William Kennahorn enlisted for the term of Two years in the month of February 1776 in the County of Accomack in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain Levin Joynes in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. Wm. Flemming [sic] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps untill the expiration of the said two years when he was discharged from the service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State except Virginia and that a pension was heretofore granted him under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That the declarant is a Cooper by trade, but from age and infirmity he is unable to labour. That the family of the declarant consists of his wife Delany upwards of 50 years of age and is in feeble health and is unable to contribute to her support and one negro man named Ames aged about 45 years that the declarant is incapable of supporting himself without the aid of the Government except by private or public Charity

The Schedule named in the foregoing declaration is in the following words and figures to wit

A Schedule of the property of William Kennahorn taken this 28th day of April 1829 necessary clothing and bedding excepted

A life Estate in 100 acres of land of the annual Value of Thirteen dollars thirty three cents (value)

one negro man Ames	150.00
5 head of cattle	20.00
1 yoke of oxen	18.00
7 head of hogs	12.00
1 horse	45.00
1 ox cart	6.00
1 canoe	3.00
1 still worm &c.	4.00
Coopers tools	<u>2.00</u>
	260.00
Annuity for life of \$8. per annum	<u>8.00</u>
	\$268.00

Schedule of Debts due by William Kennahorn the 28th day of April 1829

Due to Samuel W Colonna	\$49.50
“ ” Isaac Smith	22.00
“ ” George Scarburgh Sen	<u>10.00</u>
	\$81.50

Wm Kennahorn

At a Court held for Accomack County the 27th day of July 1829 William Kennahorn appeared in Court and on oath made an additional declaration in these words “Additional declaration of William Kennahorn in order to be reinstated on the pension list roll under the act of 18th March 1818 who states that the reason he did not apply earlier to be continued on the pension list was that after his name was stricken from the list he by great exertion was able to support himself until the last year, when he made an application to the late Secretary at War, which for some reason unknown to him was not acted on, that his infirmity still increasing he finds that without relief from his Country he must soon depend for support on the Charity of his neighbours that he was ignorant until the last year that there was any provision of the law by which he could be continued on the pension list otherwise his necessities would have compelled him to make earlier application. That since the 18th of March 1818 no change has taken place in his property except the loss by death of a horse and the necessary wear of his property which he considers equal to one Hundred Dollars, but that from his increased infirmities he would not now be able with the above addition to his property to maintain himself. That the value in fee of the 100 acres of land in which he has a life Estate does not exceed \$300. that it is very poor and unproductive and only about one half of the same is arable

NOTE: On 28 Sep 1853 Delany Kennahorn, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married William Kennahorn on 14 Jan 1824 and he died 30 Nov 1840. A copy of the marriage record states that William Kennahorn, widower, and Delany Butler were married in Accomack County on 14 Jan 1824 by Rev. William Lee. On 3 Apr 1855 at age 82 she applied for bounty land. On 1 Dec 1866 William Moore, 54, administrator of the estate of Delaney Kennahorn, swore that he had not borne arms or otherwise encouraged the rebels, and he applied for the pension that had been suspended during the Civil War up to the time of Delaney Kennahorn's death on 6 May 1862.