

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Thomas Canaday (Kenneday, Keneday, Kennedy) W3561 Nancy Canady 52NC

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State of North Carolina Duplin County: SS: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On this the 26th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Stephen Graham, William K Frederick [?] & Gibson Sloan now sitting, Thomas Canaday or Kennedy of said you County, who will be seventy years of age on the 20th of August next: who being 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 7th, 1832. viz. That he enlisted in the regular service in Duplin County in the year of the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], for the term of 12 months, and was attached to the company commanded by Captain Joseph Rhodes [Joseph T Rhodes] which company he believes was attached to the first Regiment being commanded by Major Blount and Colonel Murfby or Murfree; from Duplin, he marched to Hillsboro, thence to Salisbury, there he was stationed for a short time – from thence by Charlotte and Camden to Thompson Fort on Santee [River]; being headquarters and under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene]. From thence he marched to Eutaw under the command of General Greene and was in the battle of that place (which occurred in August or September) as he believes. After the battle of Eutaw, he marched under the command of General Greene to the high hills of Santee thence to Bacons Bridge, From thence under the command of Captain Benjamin Coleman, he was marched to Wilmington North Carolina where he was discharged, having served in said service 12 months as above set forth –

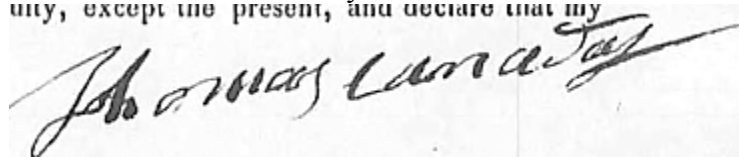
I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ James Pearsall, Clerk

S/ Thomas Canaday

unity, except the present, and declare that my



[Stephen Miller and David Quinn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Amended declaration of Thomas Kenneday made in open Court at the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions and is August Term 1833 Duplin County North Carolina

The Applicant does not distinctly remember the year which he served but knows it was the year of the Battle of the Eutaw Springs because he was engaged in that action – And the

following interrogatories were propounded & answered in open Court viz.
Where & in what year were you Born, Answer – in Currituck in August 1763.
Have you any Record of your Age & if so where is it, Answer – I have none
Where were you living when called into service – Answer – In Duplin County
Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, Answer – in Duplin County
Where do you live now – Answer – in Duplin County
How were you called into service – Answer I volunteered
Did you receive a discharge – Answer – I did it is lost said discharge was given by Captain
Coleman in Wilmington North Carolina
Did you ever receive a commission Answer – No
I refer you to the Miller Solr, J. K. Hill Shff. J. Pearsall clerk S court, JE Watkins Clerk C. Court
& a great number of other respectable Citizens of Duplin County for my character –

State of North Carolina Duplin County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term A.D.
1833

The foregoing declaration of Thomas Canaday is returned for the following –
1st – to state the year in which the service was performed
2nd – to prove by living witnesses his service or that no such witness can be found –
Now Thomas Canaday maketh oath that he joined on the 25th of May 1781 & continued
until the first of June in the following year, as our Captain would not discharge us until the first
of the month –

Sworn to & subscribed this 28th of November 1833

S/ Thomas Canaday

2ndly – I David Quinn, hereby make oath that I joined in Duplin County with Thomas Canaday
who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration and affidavit, that I served with him the
whole 12 months as above stated in the same Company & under the same officers – & that the
statement made by him is according to the best of my knowledge & belief true in all its
particulars.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above said

Test: S/ James Taylor

S/ David Quinn¹

I David Carlton hereby make oath that Thomas Canaday who has subscribed & sworn to the
foregoing affidavit was in the camp of General Greene at Bacon's bridge in South Carolina in the
year 1782 that he was discharged shortly after I joined, as I understood that his time was nearly
out.

S/ David Carlton²

[p 13: On March 15, 1853 in Duplin County North Carolina Nancy Kenneday, 78, filed for a
widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Thomas Kenneday, a pensioner of the United
States for his service in the revolution; that she married him about 57 years ago in Duplin County
but does not remember the month or the day of the month in which she was married; that her
husband died February five, 1851 in Duplin County; and that she remains his widow.]

¹ [David Quinn W4771](#)

² [David Carlton S8170](#)

[fn p. 18: on April 18, 1854 in Duplin County North Carolina,, 74 last November testified that he is the brother of Nancy Kennedy widow of Thomas Kennedy; that he was an eyewitness to their marriage; that the marriage took place at the residence of his father Robert Bishop in Duplin County when affiant was about 17 years old or on or about December first 1796; that the marriage was performed by Robert Sutherland a justice of the peace; that his sister and Thomas Kennedy were married 50 odd years and had nine children.]

[p 19: on April 18, 1854 in Duplin County North Carolina, Willis Bishop, 49, verified the family record showing the birth dates of the children of Thomas Kenneday in the handwriting of this affiant copied from a family record 20 years ago; that Thomas Kenneday was twice married, had six children by his first wife they is James, Joseph, John, David, Felix & Daniel, & 10 by his last wife Nancy his present widow of whom one died young little over four years old the other nine are still living.]

[p 21: family record]

The age of Thomas Kennaday Children and Sarah Kanaday his wife 1828

James born February 20th 1785

Joseph born May 9th 1786

John born March 14th 1788

David born March 20th 1790

Felix born May ? ³ 1792

Daniel born July the 24th 1794

Robert born February 14th 1798

Philly [?]⁴ born December 26 1799

Dilla⁵ born January the 9th 1802

Mary born September 1803

Mary deceased December the 22nd 1807

Sarah born March the 24th 1805

Citty born May the 1st 1808

Henry born March the 25th 1809

Nancy born February 27th 1812

Susey J. born March the 4th 1814

Rebecker born March the 21st 1817

Rhoda born January 29th 1809

Wright born May 1st 1811

Susannah Davise born Deopt. [sic, ?] 21th 1811

Bryan R. Davise born April the 8th 1814

William B Kennedy born May 8th 1836⁶

Sarah adline Kennedy born July 12, 1842

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

³ War Department interpreted this as May 3, 1792

⁴ War Department interpreted this as "Rhilly"

⁵ War Department interpreted this as "Dille"

⁶ War Department interpreted this as "May 8th 1856"

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Thomas Canady a private in Captain Doherty's [George Dougherty's] Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service in 1781 for the term of 12 months and that his time was out the 25th day of May 1782, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this second day of July 1836, at office in Raleigh
S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]