

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Cannon (Kennon) W5897

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Caroline County. Virginia

On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1842 personally appeared before me Pichegru Woolfolk a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid, Elizabeth Cannon (sometimes spelt Kennon) a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged about seventy four years and made oath in due form of law to the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under an act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838. That she is the widow of William Cannon who was a soldier in the war of the revolution, that she was married to the said Cannon in this County on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1786 by John Waller. That having married after the services of her deceased husband, she can only speak of said services from what she recollects from his conversation. She thinks that she has heard him say that he enlisted under Capt Alexander Parker, and she thinks she has heard him say also, that he was at one time attached to a regiment Commanded by a Col. Parker. She does not recollect the battles he was in, but has often heard him say, that he was in a battle at the South in which he lost one of his arms – he was taken prisoner by the British and was a prisoner for sometime She also says that her deceased husband moved from this state many years ago to the state of Tennessee and died in that State sometime in September 1824, and that after his death she moved back to Virginia. that she is now and has remained the widow of the said Wm. Cannon as will more fully appear, by the accompanying testimonials. Elizabeth herXmark Cannon

State of Virginia, Caroline County S.S. [26 Mar 1842]

Be it known, that before me William A. Moncure a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Elizabeth Cannon widow of William Cannon late of Tennessee, who made oath in due for of Law that subsequent to the act of Congress of march the 18<sup>th</sup> 1818, providing pensions for the souldiers of the Revolutionary army, applications were made to her deceased husband William Cannon to apply for the benefit of that act, but he refused to do so, stating that the services rendered by him to the Country were voluntary and he had received the usual pay of a soldier at the time of his discharge. she further states that the said William Cannon at the time of his death was a resident of the County of Roane & State of Tennessee. Elizabeth herXmark Cannon

I hereby certify that I was well acquainted with William Cannon formerly of Caroline County Virginia, who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution – said Cannon whilst in service, received a wound on his arm and also one on his head, in consequence of which he was an invalid when he died; he was married to Elizabeth Brown of said county and state, sometime after the war, but long before the year 1790, they moved upwards of fifty years ago to the west, where said Cannon died, since his death, his widow has come back to Caroline County Virginia. Given under my hand this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 1842 Peter Hicks

State of Virginia            }  
Caroline County .S.S    }

Be it known that before me William A. Moncure a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared George Tribble [pension application W27863] and made oath as follows, that he is now eighty six years of age, that he is a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, that he was well acquainted with William Cannon, sometimes called Kennon, who was born and raised in the County of Caroline, that the said Cannon or Kennon about the year 1776 [see endnote] enlisted for eighteen months in the regular army and served a tour of duty for that period, that after the said Cannon

or Kennon enlisted he marched to the south, the name of the Captain of the Company in which he enlisted was Alexander Parker and the name of the Colonel, was Thomas Parker [sic: see endnote], that after the said Cannon's term of service expired, and after his return to Virginia some time about the year 1786 the said Cannon or Kennon was married to Elizabeth Brown then of the County of Caroline, that the said Cannon or Kennon and his wife, many years ago removed from Virginia to the state of Tennessee, where this deponent is informed the said Kennon or Cannon died, his widow the said Elizabeth has lately returned to Virginia, this deponent was informed and verily believes that the said William Cannon was wounded during his said term of enlistment & service, and that he was also taken prisoner whilst in the southern service in said Regular army. And further this deponent saith not.

[signed 3 Aug 1841] George Tribble

NOTE: Cannon's enlistment was probably in 1779 rather than 1776. Alexander Parker was commissioned a Captain on 1 June 1777. In the spring of 1780 his company went South in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Richard Parker (not Thomas Parker). Capt. Parker and some of his company were made prisoners when Charleston SC surrendered on 12 May 1780.