

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Kerr W7963

Elizabeth Kerr

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State of North Carolina, New Hanover County

On this the seventh day of June A.D. 1839 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Elizabeth Kerr a resident of the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina aged seventy-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of Daniel Kerr deceased who was a private in a Company of New Hanover militia as appears by the affidavit of Captain James Devane.¹

She further declares that she was married to the said Daniel Kerr on the 24th day of October in the year 1792, that her husband the said Daniel Kerr died on the third of December in the year 1820; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz.: at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before me, and I hereby certify that Elizabeth Kerr the aforesaid applicant cannot from bodily infirmity attend Court -- & lives 30 odd miles from the Court House.

S/ Elizabeth Kerr, X her mark

S/ Charles Henry, JP

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State of North Carolina, New Hanover County

On this the 18th day of May A.D. 1839 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Captain James Devane a resident in said County aged eighty-two years next August who being first duly sworn maketh oath that Daniel Kerr (the husband of Elizabeth Kerr, an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of July 7th 1838) served six months under this affiant as Captain in the War of the Revolution as a private in a company of New Hanover militia, entered just before Gates defeat in S. C [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]., marched into South Carolina and hearing of the defeat of General Gates and his Army marched back to Cross Creek or Fayetteville, thence into South Carolina and stationed at Hale's ferry, thence down to Cheraw Hills, thence with the prisoners to the Jail in New Bern North Carolina. That during said service said Daniel Kerr was taken sick; and continued so part of the tour, but was regularly discharged, for he being sick this affiant recollects to have obtained his discharge for him – he was drafted.

¹ [James Devane S8317](#) to

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid and I hereby certify that said James Devane is well known to me and is entitled to full faith and credit.

S/ James Devane



S/ Lewis Highsmith, JP

[p 7: On June 7, 1839 in New Hanover County North Carolina, James Kerr, gave testimony authenticating the family record of the births of his siblings and himself in the marriage of his father and mother; he states all of the entries were made in the handwriting of his brother John Kerr except for the entry of the birth of the youngest child in the handwriting of Alexander Johnson, a schoolmaster; that the family record has been in the possession of the affiant since the death of his father in 1820.



[pp 5-6: Bible record in file:

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[p 23: On June 1st, 1839, in New Hanover County North Carolina, Robert Murphy a resident of said County gave testimony that he was present and an eyewitness to the marriage of Daniel Kerr 2 Elizabeth Kerr his widow; that Elizabeth is the sister of the affiant; that the marriage took place in 1792 or 1793; that his sister has never remarried since the death of her husband Daniel Kerr and remains a widow.

Robert Murphy

[p 26: On June 8, 1853 in New Hanover County North Carolina, the widow, Elizabeth Kerr filed for the renewal of her pension; in this document she gives her age as 81; there is no explanation for the discrepancy in her age as stated in her original application versus her age as stated in this document. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]