

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Kennedy W7972

Keziah Kennedy

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State of Alabama Lowndes County: SS: Orphans Court December Term 1832

On this third day of December in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before Peter Williamson Judge of the County and Orphans Court of said County now sitting David Kennedy, a resident of the County and state aforesaid about the age of Seventy years or upwards 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated --

1st He entered the Service in the year 1778 or 1779 (which he does not recollect) and continued in the Service until peace was declared in 1782 under the following officers Richard Winn Colonel John Pearson Major John Gray Captain Andrew Gray Lieutenant --

2nd -- He entered the service as a volunteer and continued to act the whole time of service of three years in that capacity except for about one month ~~when he was detached from the Army under General Greene previous to the battle of Eutaw Springs~~ -- he was engaged as a militia man under Colonel Taylor [Thomas Taylor] (other officers not recollected) in guarding Orangeburg --

3rd At the time he entered the service he was a resident of (now) Fairfield District (then) Craven County (he believes) District and that he was about the age of fourteen or fifteen at the time he entered the service.

4th -- He was with the Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] before and after the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]¹ -- but was not in that battle or any other noted or general engagement -- at the battle of Eutaw he in connection with 5 others were detailed under Captain John Gray for some service but does not know what -- They marched about 4 miles above the Main Army and acted as scouts during the battle and joined the Army after the victory -- For this service his Captain had orders from General Greene but what they were for (this applicant) was not then and has never been informed --

5 -- He marched with the Army under General Greene -- with the Army under the command (General or Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens]) (for he does not know what was his rank at that time) but this he does know that after the war he was General Pickens

6 -- During his Service he knew General Greene Colonel Washington [William Washington] and (Colonel or General) Marion [Francis Marion] -- The last time he saw Colonel Washington was

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

about three miles above Orangeburg just as the applicant Regiment in which was his company joined the Army of General Greene --

7. He received Indentures [sic, Indents] after the war and it was sent on to Washington City and was it is presumed destroyed during the last war at the time of the destruction of the public buildings by the British forces. He knows of no person now living who can testify that he served as stated above or who was in the service with him. --

8. He recollects at this distance of time of no memorable circumstance to which he can advert at least none with which persons who were not present are acquainted as further proof of his service -- he will state that with the exception of the battle of Eutaw in which his Regiment was engaged except himself his Captain and five others (as before stated) he was engaged in opposing principally the Tories of that day -- and it may be that his name is on record in the war department Fort after the war, he received from the seat of government of the Confederation as above stated and "Indenture" or documentary evidence of his service which was sent on as above stated to Washington City previous to the last war and returned to him which he has sold and does not now know where it is.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. --

S/ David Kennedy, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Peter Williamson, Judge

[Thomas C. Phillips, of Butler County and James Kennedy of Lowndes County gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Alabama Lowndes County: Regular Orphans Court June Term 1833

Personally appeared before me Peter Williamson Judge of said Court in open Court David Kennedy who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory and the great distance of time he cannot recollect or swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his belief & recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For three years and six months I served as a volunteer in the Service under the officers named in my declaration done in open Court of this County in December Term 1832, Colonel Winn's Regiment was called into service either by South Carolina or the Congress of the United States under the old Confederation, but at this distance of time deponent does not recollect; and for such service I said David Kennedy Claim a Pension --

The discrepancy in the statement in the declaration concerning the indent or indenture or documentary evidence of his service is thus explained. In naming over the fact that it was sent to Washington City before the last war to the person who wrote his declaration he stated that his name was on file in the department before the war but that it was destroyed by fire when the papers during the war was burned -- The writer of the declaration mistook and understood him to say that the "indent" was burned & so wrote in the declaration but when he had cause to refer to the "indent" again he informed him that the "indent" was returned to him & that he had sold it & that it was his name on file in the department that was destroyed and as the fact was already a second time written that the "indent" was destroyed it was in the second place erased & the correct statement made & it was by an oversight it was not corrected in the first statement according to the fact so as to read that "the record of his name was destroyed ["] and not the

"indent" itself – these facts will appear by a reference to erasure in the second statement.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court the 3rd day of June 1833

S/ Peter Williamson, J I C

S/ David Kennedy X his mark

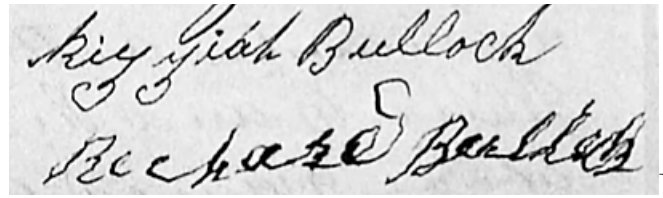
[William Rice and Jesse Mings, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On March 14, 1854 in Macon County Alabama, Keziah Kennedy, 80, filed a claim for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of David Kennedy, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she married him in Jones County, Georgia by one Levi Mobley, JP, on January 21, 1810; that her husband died in Lowndes County Alabama August 12, 1837; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: Copy of a marriage license issued January 21, 1810 for the marriage of David Kennedy to Keziah Cannon. Levi Mobley certified that performed the ceremony of marriage pursuant to the license.]

[p 19: On July 3, 1854 in Macon County Alabama, Keziah Bullock [spelled "kizziah Bullock" in her signature] and Richard Bullock her husband filed an affidavit stating that Keziah Bullock is the only child of Keziah Kennedy, late a pensioner of the United States; that Keziah Kennedy resided in Macon County Alabama for about the space of 14 years prior to her death.

Kizziah Bullock and Richard Bullock

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature reads "Kizziah Bullock" and the bottom signature reads "Richard Bullock". Both signatures are written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 21: finding by the clerk of court of Macon County Alabama that Keziah Kennedy died in Macon County March 17, 1854.]

[p 39 -- South Carolina Comptroller's office list of indents of payments made to David Kennedy for services during the revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months and 22 days service as a private in the militia cavalry and one month and 8 days service as a private in the militia infantry. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]