

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Kennedy W7973

Jane Kennedy

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State of Kentucky Garrard County Sct.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1833 personally appeared before John L Bridges Judge of the Garrard Circuit Court David Kennedy a resident of the County aforesaid aged Sixty-six the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September (Instant) who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by an act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he enlisted as a Spy in the spring of the year 1780 in the then District of Kentucky, at Kennedy's Station under Captain Andrew Kennedy, that he served faithfully as an Indian Spy from that period until after long after the peace of 1783, the Indian War not having terminated. He believes it was about the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1780 when he first enlisted, and he was in active service constantly in spying and Hunting and was off and on for four or five years sent out with his company on what was called the wilderness trace to protect the newcomers against Indian depredations and hostilities. The service he performed was of the severest and hardest kind, finding his own arms, his own provisions, and his own clothing if clothing it could be called and always surrounded with danger. The movements of his company were as understood principally under the control of General Benjamin Logan, who was himself often with them, and often told them when and where to go. He has never received a cent for all his services. He has no written evidence of his service but he can establish facts which he hopes will be satisfactory. He does not know a single human being who is now alive and who belonged to his company.

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In the State of North Carolina and in the year 1668 [sic, 1768] – I have no record of my age in this country, though there is one in Tennessee in the possession of my sister

Where were you living when called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

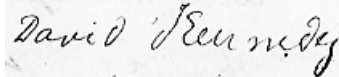
Answer. I was living in Kentucky – I have lived there ever since I engaged in the service, and I still live there. I engaged in the service as an Indian Spy voluntarily.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory already answered – I am known to Thymothy Logan [Timothy Logan] and Joseph Kennedy two respectable old soldiers and many others by whom I can establish facts connected with my service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

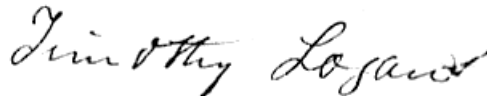
Sworn to and subscribed

S/ David Kennedy



This day came into open court Timothy Logan a witness of undoubted veracity & good character a citizen of Garrard County & made oath that he first became acquainted with David Kennedy at Kennedy's Station in Kentucky in the year 1780. That he knows that the said Kennedy was engaged in the service of his country as an Indian Spy when he first knew him; and that affiant was frequently at Kennedy's Station; and knows for the period of [at] least two years, as he often passed through Bryant's [Station] to Kennedy's Station said Kennedy was so employed when this affiant saw him. That after two years this affiant went on Clark's [George Rogers Clark's] Campaign, but from what he has always understood and believes the said Kennedy has correctly set forth his services. He has lived in the same neighborhood with the applicant for upwards of 50 years, and he further states he believes him to be a man of truth and respectability and such has been always his character.

S/ Timothy Logan



[p 15: On March 22, 1851, in Madison County Kentucky, Jane Kennedy, 71, filed for her pension under the 1848 act as the widow of David Kennedy, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him in Madison County July 29, 1794; that her maiden name was James Cox; that her husband died in Garrard County Kentucky September 21, 1850; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: certificate given by John Maniro [?] that on July 29, 1794 he celebrated the rites of matrimony between David Kennedy and Jane Cox in Madison County Kentucky.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]