

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Kersey [Casey] W9101

Nancy Kersey

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State of South Carolina Anderson District: Be it known that on this 21st day of August 1842 before me Robertson Smith a magistrate in and for the said District personally came Mary Kersey wife of Stephen Kersey Junior and being duly sworn saith on oath that Nancy Kersey widow of Stephen Kersey Senior resided with deponent prior to her death and that she had a Bible in possession which showed the date of their marriage and ages of children of the said Nancy & Stephen Kersey and after the death of the said Nancy the said Family register has been lost or destroyed and she has made diligent search and is unable to find the said register.

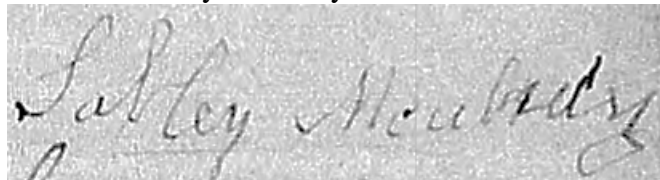
S/ Mary Casey [sic]

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Mary Casey". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged.

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State of South Carolina Anderson District: Be it known that on this 21st day of August 1845 before me Robertson Smith a magistrate in and for said District personally appeared Mrs. Sarah McCurdy a resident of said District and State aged eighty-one years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath take the following statements: That she removed to Anderson District where she now resides some fifty-four years since and became acquainted with Stephen Kersey and Nancy Kersey soon thereafter and that they were then living together as husband and wife and had one child and that she believes that the family Bible had and owned by the said Stephen and Nancy Kersey is now in the possession of her Daughter wife of Stephen Kersey Junior deceased and shows the date of their marriage deponent further states that the said Stephen Kersey senior deceased was always reputed to have been a faithful soldier in the War of the Revolution and died several years since leaving Nancy Kersey as he and his widow. And that she remained a widow to the period of her death and died sometime in the summer of 1841 in Anderson District State of South Carolina.

S/ Salley McCurdy

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Salley McCurdy". The ink is dark and the paper appears slightly aged.

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State of South Carolina Anderson District

Be it known that before me Robertson Smith a magistrate in and for the District and State aforesaid personally appeared Delila Kersey aged 40 years past and Sarah Kersey aged 37 years past who being first duly sworn according to law saith on oath that the following statements are true to the best of their belief Knowledge and according to the information given them by their parents – in which they verily believes to be true the is That they are the legitimate Daughters of Stephen Kersey and Nancy Kersey both now deceased – That their father the said Stephen Kersey entered the Army of the Revolution in the South Carolina line or Militia and was alternately in service of the United States and in all was in the actual Service of the United States for two years or upwards. That he was a private and as appears from a Certificate given him by Colonel Robert Anderson years after the Close of the War of the Revolution That he was in Colonel Anderson's Regiment of South Carolina Militia. That they have no other Document showing the services of their Father Stephen Kersey in the War of the Revolution. That the said Stephen Kersey died on the 12th day of May 1821 in Anderson District State of South Carolina leaving Nancy Kersey his widow. That the said Nancy Kersey his said widow died on the 20th day of July 1841 without ever applying for a pension as far as these affiants is [sic] informed and knows [sic] leaving Elizabeth wife of Robert Simpson, Anna widow and relic of John Avary – and these deponents her Children then living. That these affiants are now informed that Nancy Kersey there said Mother was entitled under the Act of Congress of the 7 July 1838 to a pension for the military service of Stephen Kersey her deceased husband. That these affiants are also informed that their Father and Mother was [sic] married on the __ day of __ 1780 in Abbeville District State of South Carolina of which they have no Documentary evidence of and believe that there is none in existence either private or public and these affiants states of their own Knowledge that there said Mother continued a widow from the time of the death of her husband to the day above mentioned on which she died. That they make the statements in order to obtain the pension due their Mother at the time of her death. Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year first mentioned [August 22, 1845] before me

S/ R. Smith, M. A. D.

S/ Delila Kersey, X her mark

S/ Sarah Kersey, X her mark

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State of South Carolina Anderson District

Be it known that on this __ day of August 1845 before me Robertson Smith a magistrate in and for said District personally appeared Mrs. Jane Stephenson¹ a resident of said District and State aged 76 years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following statement, That she was married in July 1790 and filed her family record in the pension office as evidence of the same. That she became acquainted with Stephen Kersey and Nancy Kersey before this deponent was married and that they were living together as husband and wife from an before her first acquaintance with them and were always reputed as such in their neighborhood. That the said Stephen Kersey as she has always and believes was a faithful soldier in the War of the Revolution and served as private in Colonel Robert Anderson's Regiment South Carolina militia and died some 20 odd years since leaving the said Nancy Kersey his widow and that she remained a widow to the period of her death that she died in the neighborhood a few years since leaving Elizabeth wife of Robert Simpson, Anna widow of John

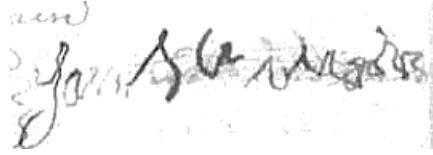
¹ [David Stephenson R10141DS](#)

Avary Delila and Sarah Kersey her only surviving children.

Sworn to and subscribed on this the day and year above written before me.

S/ R. Smith, M. A. D.

S/ Jane Stephenson



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State of South Carolina Anderson District: Court of Ordinary Friday April 1846

I William McGee Esquire Judge and Ordinary in and for said District do hereby Certify that the following facts have been satisfactory proven to me in open Court the same being a Court of Record on this 27th day of April 1846 namely, That Stephen Kersey (who is said was a private Soldier and served during the War of the Revolution in Colonel Anderson's Regiment South Carolina Militia) died on the 12th day of May 1821 in the District and State aforesaid leaving a widow by the name of Nancy Kersey. That the said Nancy Kersey remained a widow to the period of her death. That she died on the 20th day of July 1841 in the said District and State leaving the following named Children, their only Surviving [children] namely, Elizabeth (wife of Robin) Simpson, Anna (wife of John) Avary, Delila and Sarah Kersey all residents of Anderson District State of South Carolina.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the Seal of said Court and subscribed my name on the 27th day of April in the year 1841.

S/ W. Magee Judge

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Personally appeared in Open Court Delila and Sarah Kersey above named who being duly sworn according to law saith that according to their understanding they are the legitimate Daughters of the above named Stephen Kersey and Nancy Kersey both now deceased and that they have always understood their said Father was a soldier during the War of the Revolution and done service as a private in Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Regiment General Pickens [Andrew Pickens'] Brigade South Carolina Militia and that soon after the close of said War married their said mother whose maiden name was Nancy Wilder in Abbeville District South Carolina and removed from thence to Anderson, now formerly Pickens District where their said Father died on the 12th day of May 1821 leaving their said Mother a widow. That she remained a widow to the period of her death. That she died on the 20th day of July 1841 leaving deponents Elizabeth Simpson & Anna Avary who is the only Surviving Children of their said Parents or either of them and that they all now reside in Anderson district South Carolina where they were raised. That they are now informed their said mother was entitled to a pension under an act of Congress passed on the 7th day of July 1838, entitled and Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows. And that they make their Statements in order to obtain the Pension due their mother at the time of her death. That they have no documentary evidence in support of their Statements further than the annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the 27th day of April 1846 in Open Court.

S/ Delila Kersey, X her mark

S/ Sarah Kersey, X her mark

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October 26 1811

This is to Certify that the bearer Stephen Kersey has behaved himself so as to Preserved a very fair and blameless character free from any public scandal for anything known to us and is a very industrious good Citizen and a Real friend to his Country. Certified by

S/ David Stephenson
S/ Tomas Beaty, QU
S/ Alex. McKinney
S/ Leonard Simpson
S/ John Moffett
S/ Thomas Harris

October 26th 1811

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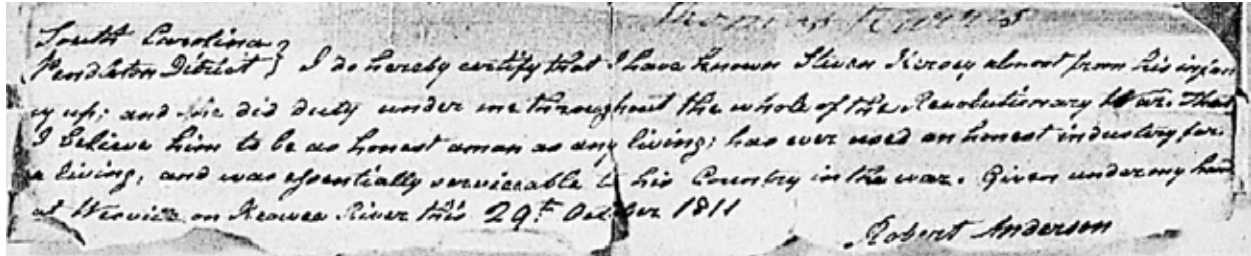
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State of South Carolina and Pendleton District: I do hereby certify that I have known Stevan [sic] Kersey almost from his infancy up; and he did duty under me throughout the whole of the Revolutionary War. That I believe him to be as honest a man as any living; has ever used an honest industry for a living, and was essentially serviceable to his Country in the war. Given

under my hand at Wesville[?]² on Keowee River this 29th October 1811.

S/ Robert Anderson



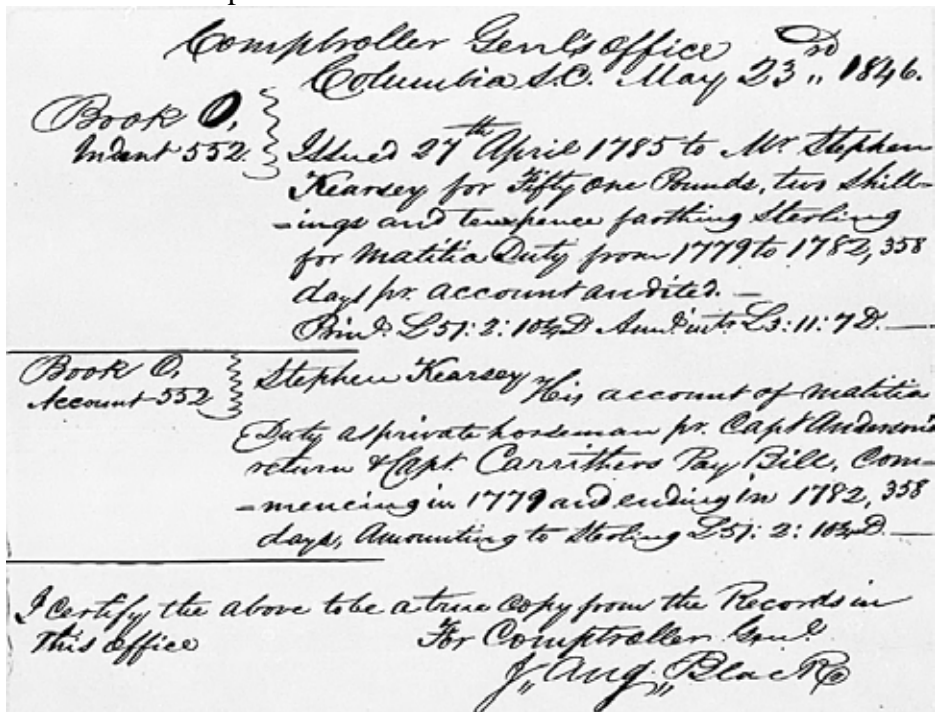
South Carolina?
Pendleton District } I do hereby certify that I have known Steven Kersey almost from his infancy up; and he did duty under me throughout the whole of the Revolutionary War. That I believe him to be as honest a man as any living; has ever used an honest industry for a living, and was especially serviceable to his Country in the war. Given under my hand at Wesville on Keowee River this 29th October 1811
Robert Anderson

[p 17: Mrs. Elizabeth McBride, 68, gave testimony in Anderson district that she was present at the marriage of Stephen Kersey and Nancy his wife; that they were married by a preacher named John Sigman some time prior to 1790 in Abbeville district. This affidavit was given April 29th, 1846.

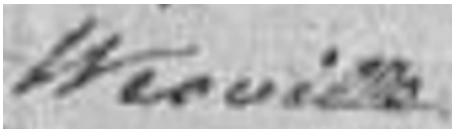


Elizabeth McBride

[p 29: certificate from the Comptroller General of South Carolina dated May 23rd 1846 stating that Mr. Stephen Kearsey [sic] was paid for 358 days of militia service during the period from 1779 to 1782; the certificate reflects that he served as a private horseman under Captain Anderson and Captain Carrither.



Comptroller Genl's Office
Columbia S.C. May 23rd 1846.
Book O, Indent 552 } Issued 27th April 1785 to Mr. Stephen Kearsey for Fifty one Pounds, ten shillings and ten pence farthing Sterling for Militia Duty from 1779 to 1782, 358 days pr. account audited. —
Prin^d. L57. 2. 10⁴d. Am^d into L3. 11. 7²d. —
Book O, Account 552 } Stephen Kearsey of his account of Militia Duty as private horseman pr. Capt Anderson's return & Capt Carrithers Pay Bill, commencing in 1779 and ending in 1782, 358 days, amounting to Sterling L57. 2. 10⁴d. —
I certify the above to be a true copy from the Records in this office
For Comptroller Genl.
Jⁿ Aug^r Black^r



Wesville

[Veteran's widow was posthumously awarded a pension of \$39.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the South Carolina militia for 11 months and 22 days.]