

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Kinkade (Kincaid) W9102    Mary Kinkade    39PA/VA  
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State of Kentucky Hardin Circuit } Sct. June Term 1820

Ordered that the following declaration affidavit and schedule be admitted to record having been sworn to in open Court

Original Claim

District of Kentucky Hardin County SS

on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County and district aforesaid Robert Kinkade aged seventy eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1820 that he the said Robert Kinkade enlisted first for the term of one year under Captain George Gibson and formed the first Virginia Regiment then I enlisted for three years under Captain Samuel Crump<sup>1</sup> in Read's [perhaps Col. Isaac Read's] Regiment I was detached into Colonel Daniel Morgan's rifle Corps in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia and was also detached out of that company into Captain Gabriel Long's company and served in that Company until I was discharged which was about August 1779 then at General George Washington's request I took the command of a small party to scout the line in the York State at Fort Montgomery where he was discharged from the said service in 1779 in the State of New Jersey by Peter Meaklenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] Brigadier General in the year 1780 I went to see on board of the state ship *Hyderally*<sup>2</sup> commanded by Joshua Barney<sup>3</sup> I was out with Commodore Barney until peace was

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<sup>1</sup> I have been unable to identify a Virginia officer by this name. There was, however, a Capt. Abner Crump in the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment. Perhaps it was this officer the veteran was attempting to recall.

<sup>2</sup> *Hyder Ally*. Maclay: 179-190, Buel:218, 219, Smith:273-274, LCP:124/125, LM PA privateer, purchased in 1782, a former trading vessel. It carried 16 guns and 110 men, Capt Joshua Barney. ScharfI:263, RM4:553, SchV:45, at the Delaware when it captured the British *General Monk* 8 Apr 1782. Bouvet:104, it may have been the ship which moved the French surgeons from Philadelphia back to France in Apr 1783. Alternatively, it could have been a French vessel. <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20H-I.html> [viewed 7/11/20]

<sup>3</sup> BARNEY, JOSHUA MD/(P/A) First Lieutenant, Continental Navy Commander, Pennsylvania Privateers Joshua Barney was born on 6 July 1759, one of fourteen children of William and Frances Barney of Patapsco Neck, Maryland. [Smith, Marines, 430] He was [Acting Second Lieutenant] on the Continental Navy Schooner *Wasp* from about 7 April 1776 to about 10 May 1776, when he was ordered aboard the Continental Navy Sloop *Sachem* (Captain ISAAH ROBINSON) at Philadelphia to oversee her outfit. Barney was commissioned as First Lieutenant sometime in June 1776. He was aboard the *Sachem* during her action with the British Privateer Brig *Three Friends* on 12 August 1776. On 20 September 1776 he transferred to the Continental Navy Brig *Andrew Doria* with Captain Robinson. Barney was ranked 13th on the Lieutenant's List of 12 October 1776. [xx] Barney was later captured and

concluded and that he was in the Battles of [:] the first was at the taking of the Hessians at Trenton [December 26, 1776] New Jersey then at Prince ton [Princeton, January 3, 1777] then at Piscataway [May 10, 1777] then at the taking of Burgoyne [Battle of Bemis Heights/Saratoga, October 7-17, 1777] then at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] then at Powell's Hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779] under Colonel Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] And that he has no other proof except the affidavit of John Howe<sup>4</sup> and Peter Kerlin [?]<sup>5</sup> as follows to wit October 9<sup>th</sup> 1819 We do hereby certify that Sergeant Robert Kinkade now before us is the same [man] we was acquainted with in Colonel Daniel Morgan's Rifle Regiment in the Continental Army in the revolutionary war which Regiment was made part of the States of Pennsylvania & Virginia the said Kincaid was drafted with William Henderson's company afterwards into Gabriel Long's Company in said Corps he being enlisted for three years during the time of our Knowledge with him which was from the spring 1777 until the year 79 we believe was regularly discharged by General Peter Mucklenbing during the time [of] our acquaintance with him we can say he behaved himself as an orderly obedient good soldier and deserves the countenance of his Country Given from under our hands this day and year above written

John Howe Sergeant Major in the said Regiment  
Peter Keslin, X his mark

Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Jefferson County to wit

This day the above named John Howe and Peter Keslin made oath before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid that the foregoing statement relating to the services of Sergeant Robert Kinkade is true to the best of their recollection and belief. Given under my hand and seal in this County aforesaid the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819

S/ James Brown, JP JC

And in pursuance of the acts of 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear or affirm that I was a resident

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spent five months on a British prison ship in New York harbor before being exchanged. [NOAR, 16] On 26 July 1780 a letter from Joshua Barney was read in Congress, reviewing his career in the Continental Navy and requesting that his rank be fixed and his pay determined. Barney's request was, in essence, not to be reduced in pay by being transferred from a vessel of over twenty guns to one of less than twenty guns (there being a pay differential). The letter was referred to the Board of Admiralty. [NRAR, 153] The Board of Admiralty reported on 1 August 1780, recommending that any officer serving on a ship of war of twenty guns or more not be reduced in pay by reason of service on a smaller boat. Congress accepted this report on 7 August. [NRAR, 154] After being captured and exchanged a second time he was commissioned as commander of the Maryland Privateer Brig *Ponoma*. He was captured a third time by HM Frigate *Rosebud*. On 16 January 1781 he was imprisoned in Mill Prison. Barney escaped, was recaptured, and escaped again on 18 May 1781. [NOAR, 16] On 2 April 1782 Barney was appointed to command the famous Pennsylvania Privateer Ship *Hyder Ally*, sixteen guns and 100 men. [NRAR, 348] On 2 April 1782, in a notable fight, he captured the British ship *General Monk*. [NOAR, 16] On 27 April 1782, Barney was appointed as commander of the Pennsylvania Privateer Ship [unknown], with eighteen guns and a crew of 120 men. [NRAR, 227] The *General Monk* was taken into the Continental Navy as the *General Washington*, with Barney as lieutenant commanding. [NOAR, 16] He remained with her until she was sold out of service in 1784. On 6 March 1784, in a letter to Thomas Mifflin, President of the Continental Congress, Barney requested promotion from Lieutenant to Captain. [NRAR, 202] <http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20B.html> [viewed 7/11/20]

<sup>4</sup> [John How \(Howe\) W10113](#)

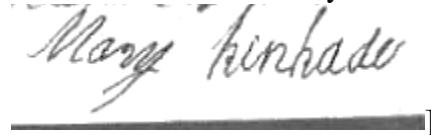


<sup>5</sup> . This MAY be the same man listed as Peter Carland, a private in Capt. P. B. Bruin's Company of the 11<sup>th</sup> VA Regiment detached to Capt. Gabriel Long's Company of Rifle Men commanded by Col. Daniel Morgan.

citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed viz. 297 acres of land for which he holds the bond of Edmond Curd for a title and that the land is entirely covered by one older grant than that under which he claims to head of horses one Colt four cows & three calves six sheep fourteen hogs my wife Molly aged fifty-five years two Daughters Sally aged nineteen years Patsey aged fourteen one small son named Arthur aged six years my occupation is farming and my family are unable to pursue it.

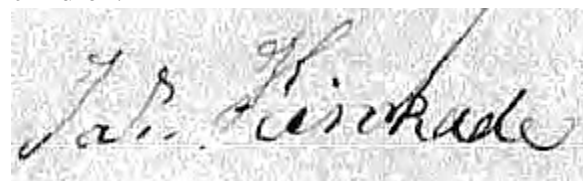
[Different handwriting: "Not Ent'd"] S/ Robert Kinkade<sup>6</sup>

[p 7: On October 16, 1839 in Hardin County Kentucky, Mary Kincaid [sic], aged 71, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Kincaid [sic], a soldier & officer in the Revolutionary War; that her husband's application for a pension was deposited in the pension office by the Honorable Benjamin Hardin in the year 1819 or 1820; but her husband being unwilling to take the oath the law required that he was not worth more than a certain amount of property, he was never granted a pension; that she married him December 2, 1784 in Washington County Pennsylvania; that they were married by the Reverend Matthew Henderson; that her husband died January 31, 1832; that she knows of no record of her marriage or the ages of her children nor does she know of any living person who was at her wedding; that her oldest child Mary Ann is 53 years old on October 28; that her next oldest child Isabella was born January 17<sup>th</sup> 1789 &c &c.



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[p 8: On October 16, 1839 in Hardin County Kentucky, James Kinkade, son of Robert and Mary Kinkade gave testimony in support of his mother's claim for a pension; he states that he well recollects seeing depositions of John McCandless<sup>7</sup> and John Howe in support of his father's application for a pension in the year 1819 or 1820; that he has no doubt that his parents were lawfully married; that their eldest child is now 53 years of age; that they raised a large family of children.



<sup>6</sup> The application is a copy certified by the Hardin County clerk. Consequently, the signatures are not those of veteran or the supporting witnesses. Perhaps the original of the claim is still among the documents in the Hardin County, KY, clerk's office or at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. It is also possible that the original claim, having been sent to Congressman Benjamin Hardin in Washington, might have ended up in either his personal files or those of Congress.

<sup>7</sup> [John McCandless W8441](#)

[p 5: On May 29, 1854 in Hardin County Kentucky, James Kinkade, 53, a resident of Hardin County and son of Robert Kinkade who died in said County on January 31, 1832 filed a claim for the pension due his mother Mary Kinkade who died in Hardin County on January 14, 1844 leaving the following children alive at the time of her death:

James Kinkade, Resident Hardin County Kentucky

Isabella Bunch, Resident of State of Illinois

George W Kinkade, Resident of State of Illinois

Sarah Fletcher, Resident of State of Illinois

Arthur Kinkade, Resident of State of Illinois;<sup>8</sup>

that all of his mother surviving children are above the age of 21; that his mother applied for a widow's pension but it was rejected for some reason unknown to him; that he has been appointed the administrator of his mother's estate; that he appoints James G Austin of Washington DC as his attorney to pursue the claim of his mother's estate.



James Kinkade ]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 and ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1832 (the date of his death) based on his service for 2 years as a Sergeant in the Virginia Continental Infantry. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service for 2 years as a Sergeant in the Virginia Continental line.]

[Facts in file: In a letter dated July 19, 1921 from the Bureau of pensions in response to an inquiry regarding this veteran's records, it is noted that his daughter Mary Ann was born October 28, 1786 and married John Veech; according to the claim made by her brother, she is not listed as having survived her mother.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Robert Kinkade Sergeant 3 years enlisted again in the Marines for during the war

State of Kentucky Hardin County to wit

This day Robert Kinkade personally appeared before me Samuel Martin a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he enlisted in Virginia in the year 1776 for three years in Captain Samuel Crump's Company in the First Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Read and that Part of the time he rendered service under Colonel Morgan in William Henderson's Company but when he was discharged he was in Captain Gabriel Long's company commanded by Colonel Ball and that he was appointed Sergeant when he first Enlisted and was discharged Sergeant and that he served out his time for which he Enlisted and was honorably Discharged in New Jersey by General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] – and that in the year 1780 he Enlisted for during the war in the Marine service under Captain Joshua Barney who commanded the vessel called Highder neligh [*Hyder Ally*]

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<sup>8</sup> Another affidavit gives his residence as Richland County, Illinois

until they took the General Munk [*General Monk*]<sup>9</sup> and afterwards commanded the General Munk and that he served in said vessel in the Marine service of the United States until the close of the war in the year 1783 at which time he was honorably Discharged at Philadelphia in Pennsylvania by Captain Robert Patten and through the course of time he has lost his discharge and he never has received his land warrant for service.

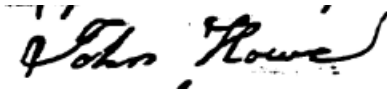
S/ Robert Kinkade



State of Kentucky Hardin County to wit

This day John Howe personally appeared before me Samuel Martin a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he has long been acquainted with the above Robert Kinkade who has subscribed to the foregoing declaration and he well knows that he is the identical person who represents himself to be and that he knew him to be a Sergeant in said service as with respect to his three years service on land and that he left the Army in 1779 after the expiration of three years.

S/ John Howe



[Acknowledged September 20, 1824]

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<sup>9</sup> *General Washington*, 20 guns, 1780-1783NR:315, LCP:100/101, C146, LM RI ship, 19 guns, 120 men, Cont. Capt Silas Talbot, Aug 1780 (Record 644), captured, with crew reaching Mill Prison 31 Mar 1781.H:199, Fowler:123, taken by British, 1780, renamed *General Monk*, recaptured in 1782 by Americans.Maclay:177-191, a privateer with this armament was in action in 1780 but was captured, renamed the *General Monk*, and put into service by the British. H:198, ND5:679, retook two sloops, probably the *Frankland*, and the *Sally*, loaded with lumber from Edenton, NC, which had been captured by the British *Acteon*, and sent them to Hispaniola, spring 1776.GWA:702, Williamson:268, this *General Monk* was recaptured 7 Apr 1782 by the *Hyder Ally* and put back into American service as the *General Washington* until it was sold, 1784. Buel:93, 234, 379, McPA:218, PA state ship borrowed by the Continental Congress and sent to Havana in 1782 to pick up specie.This was the former *General Monk*, probably the vessel purchased for \$20,000. RM7:732, vessel which arrived at Chester on 23 Apr 1783,apparently from Europe.RM7:265, this is almost certainly the *General Washington*, Capt Joshua Barney.Ford1784:61-62, 170-171.Chapelle:97, DaviesXX:174, as *General Monk*, 1781.Volo:56.Silverstone:15.Paullin:393.Coggins 203, 205 in 1781 as *General Monk* captured the *Trumbull*. <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20G.html> [viewed 7/11/20]