

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James H. Kidd: S16436

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State of Georgia} SS.

Gwinnett County} Inferior Court of said County

On this thirteenth day of August in the year eighteen hundred & thirty three personally in open court before Hudson H Allen, Jesse A Reeve, N Akers, G Vanwilkingburgh Esquires, Justices of said Inferior county court James H Kidd a resident of the county of DeKalb and State aforesaid aged sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he the said James H Kidd was drafted in the militia of Virginia and entered the service of the United States in the month of January in the year 1779 as a private in the company commanded by Capt Reuben Vaughn & served in the regiment commanded by Col. Lewellen Burrell the General under whom he first served was Gen Francis Mason whom he joined at Granville Court house North Carolina he was then marched by the way of Hillsborough, Salisbury, & Charlotte in North Carolina & Camden in South Carolina & joined General [Benjamin] Lincoln at Bacons Bridge near Charleston S.C. was in a skirmish near the place and afterwards in the battle of Stono [sic: Battle of Stono Ferry], he was then marched back to Virginia & discharged by Capt. Vaughn in the month of July having served at this time a six months tour but his discharge has been long since lost. From his desire to go in the army he reported himself old enough to be put on the Militia roll which was done and he was in a few days after drafted for the above service and entered the army at about fifteen years of age, he was born & raised, & entered the service in every instance during the revolutionary war in the county of Mecklenburg State of Virginia

He knows of no living witness by whom to establish the above mentioned service except Ansel Cunningham whose affidavit is hereto attached, it being the only way in which it could be furnished it being out of the power of this declarant to get him to attend court he living a great way off and being very old & infirm—

In the year 1780 he was again drafted as a private for a three months tour of Duty in the Virginia Militia & marched under the command of Captain John Kendrick from Mecklenburg to Williamsburg in Virginia & was then ordered back how long he served this term he does not know precisely but he knows not less than two months, this part of the service he does not rely on not being able to give the time of service exactly—

Again in the year seventeen hundred & eighty one he Volunteered in the County of Mecklenburg in of Virginia & served a three months tour of duty commencing in January & ending in April in the company commanded by Captain John Brown whose company was attached to the regiment commanded by Col. Robert Muntford [sic: Munford] & Major [St. George] Tucker. The regiment joined the command of General [Robert] Lawson at [illegible] ferry on the roanoak [sic: Roanoke] river, after which he with Gen Lawsons command joined Gen. [Nathanael] Greene at haw river in North Carolina, he was at the battle of Guilford & afterwards at Ramsey's Mill on the deep river & was then detached as Guard or part of guard and sent with prisoners to Albemarle Courthouse in Virginia & was then marched back to Mecklenburg & discharged by Capt Brown. After his discharge, the company was to draw some salt at which time they were required to present their discharges, in order to show their right to draw he presented his discharge & never received it back and it was lost to him, he knows of but one person by whom he can prove the last mentioned service whose evidence is herewith furnished the name of that witness is William Kidd And deponent further states that he has no record of his age, that he was born in the year 1764 - that he removed from Va to Georgia in 1784 & has resided in various Counties in Geo till this time & that he now resides in Dekalb County And deponent would state the names of Archibald Hamilton and Joseph Thompson Esq &c who can testify to their belief of his [word illegible]

& he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or territory

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 13th day of August 1833
[signed] Ja. H. Kidd

NOTES:

Kidd received a pension until 4 Sep 1839, the probable date of death.

Compare the following pension applications: William Kidd S31796, Ansel Cunningham S31636, James Cunningham S8268.