

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of James Kincaid S16907

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

[The first declaration is much faded and largely illegible.]

State of Missouri } S.S.

County of Lafayette }

On this 5th day of Nov in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before John F. Ryland Judge of the Circuit Court of Lafayette now sitting, James Kincaid a resident of Fayette County, aged 70 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 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. The first Service he [illegible word] was as a volunteer scout [one or two illegible words] under the command of Capt John Duncan. At this time his Father lived in a settlement called Castle Wood [sic: Castlewood in present Russell County VA] on Clinch River about 25 miles north of Abingdon of Virginia a [two illegible words]. Powell's valley had been settled but the settlers were driven off by the Indians a good many of them could not bring their plunder with them, but hid it. John Duncan was ordered out with a Company of Militia with orders to Guard the people who had left their property returned them to collect it together and bring it into the settlement. he was one of Duncan's company at this time Capt Joseph Martin was stationed at the rye Cove fort on Clinch River [in present Scott County] in order to Guard the frontiers of Va (for it was a frontier fort) he kept Two Spies who were Brothers (towit) John and James Bunch — When we got into the Valley we met with those Spies. they then went with us down to what was called Martin's Station in said Valley [in present Lee County] but we found no one there - they all had fled. One of the settlers that was with us who had fled from the Valley by the name of Daviss [Davis?] (called Capt. Daviss) before the people fled he lived at Owens Station [in Lee County] Ten miles below [SW of] Martins. We took up at Martin's Station Some time after Daviss petitioned Duncan for a few men to go down to Owen's with him to collect his plunder five men was granted him one of whom was James Bunch and collected the plunder accordingly as I understood and returning back to Camp the Indians waylaid the path and fired upon them and wounded Bunch killed a [illegible word] by the name of Boman [Bowman?] at the place and wounded another by the name of Jamison[?]. as Bunch [several illegible words] with him a piece but he never got in. three of the party got in that night two of whom were Bunch and Daviss. The next day Duncan went down with all his force except a few he left to guard the wounded. This affiant was one that went down. Went to the place and there found Boman dead. Daviss took us to a spot where he said an Indian stood whom he shot at. We went to the place and found a good deal of Blood. We then took their trail and followed them but not a great way as it appeared they had scattered - We returned back and burid the Dead thence to Camp this circumstance Broke up the expedition Bunch grew very sick and we had to take him to his Company at the Rye Cove. We were then all dismissed and returned home. as well as he can recollect he states this took place in 1776. he does not recollect the particular month but it was in warm weather. He was not more than four or five weeks out according to his recollection at this time —

The next expedition he went was to Kentucky under the command of Col. John Boman [John Bowman] of Bedford County Va - as well as I recollect Henry Poullin from said Cty [probably Henry Pauling from Botetourt County] as I also understood was one of his Captains. — Boman as I understood was ordered out by the State of Virginia to reinforce the Stations in Ky. as they came on through the neighbourhood of Abingdon a man by the name of Wm Bush met with Capt Paullin and was told as he understood by him if he would raise a leftenant's [lieutenant's] quota which was called 24 men he said Bush should have the command of the Second Leftenant in his Paullins Company at that time said Bush resided in our neighbourhood in Castle Wood on Clinch River Va. he then died recruit his 24 men Two of whom were my Brother Joseph and myself. by the leave of our Father we enlisted he dose not recollect at present for how long and

marched with Bush and overtook Boman and his Batalion or Regiment at the ford of the Cumberland River and joined the Company of Capt Paullin and from thence marched to Boonsborough [Boonesborough] and got there about the 14 day of Aug't 1777 at this time he understood there were but Two other Stations in the County Logan [at present Stanford in Lincoln County KY] and Harrod [now Harrodsburg]. he states he remained there 16 or 20 days aiding the people to gather in their corn which they had been prevented the year before from geting in to fort. the Indians being troublesom. Col. Calloway [possibly Richard Callaway] who lived with his family in the fort at that time had been into Virginia and as I understood had expected to have returned with Boman but failed to get up with him. When he returned home to the fort he informed us that on the trail that he had traveled on he found a man killed by the Indians as he supposed and that the Indians had Broke in upon the settlements of Castlewood and had killed seven or eight families. Upon this information my Brother and myself and others became uneasy with regard to our friends in Castlewood and petitioned Col Boman for a discharge in order that we might go to their relief - he granted the discharge - observing at the same time that he had the authority to take men from the frontiers. We returned home and on our way home we fell in with the Clinch Spiys who corroberated the statements of Calloway stated several families had been killed and the Ballance were all in forts. We found it so when we got into the settlements. We were about 46 or 50 days out.

The next expedition was to Illinois under the command of Col. John Montgomery from Virginia it was understood that George Rogers Clark had been sent by the State of Virginia [in May 1778] to take possession of the British Garrisons that were in the Illinois County. It was further understood by me that said Clark was to carry an expedition against Detroyet [sic: Detroit; in 1781]. And in order to enable him the more to do so the State of Virginia sent to his aid Col John Montgomery with about one hundred and thirty men. to recruit those men Thomas Quirk and others were employed. Both when my Brother Joseph Kincaid and myself [two illegible words] one year. This was early in the year 1779 and [several illegible words] at the Long Island of Holston River [at present Kingsport TN]. At which place they were met by Col. Evan Shelby [several illegible words] and forty Militias. We [several illegible lines] From thence Shelby and his Militia returned. Montgomery and his force went on to [one or two illegible words] Clark. But previous to [two illegible words] at the [illegible word] aforesaid [several illegible words] of Quarter Master Sargent under the Quarter Master [several illegible words] I stayed there a few weeks Thence we went to [illegible word] some by water and some by land. there we met three small companys of Malitia from Ky. Col. Clark [one or two illegible words] that he [two or three illegible words] men enough to carry his expedition [half a page illegible] Finding on my return that my Father did not want me to return to service after my [illegible word] was out I hired a man by the name Joshua Prewit [possibly Joshua Prewett or Joshua Pruitt] as a Substitute and went in my place and he was [several illegible words]

The next summer 1780 I went another expedition under the command of the said Col Clark [most of page illegible] On this expedition I was [one or two illegible words] under Capt. John Brown. Our principle officers Beside Clark and Logan [Col. Benjamin Logan] were Daniel Brown Hugh [last name illegible] and John Logan. This expedition was in the spring 1782 [several illegible lines] We were out on that expedition about five or six weeks.

The next [several illegible words] was Scott [Charles Scott, May 1791] and Wilkerson's [James Wilkerson's, Aug 1791] against the Wabash Indians. As well as I now recollect it was 1791. Our principle Officers were the aforesaid [three illegible lines] We were thirty three days on that expedition. he further states that he has no documentary evidence in his possession of the services aforesaid. This affiant states further that he has lived in this state but a little upwards of four years and the part of the state where he now resides not more than Two or three months and at present does not know of any person within a convenient reach to whom he can refer that was knowing to his services But he lived about fifty years in Ky has an extensive acquaintance in that state and would refer the department for information as to his caracter and standing in Ky to the Hon Robt P. Letcher The Hon Martin Beaty The Hon James Law and the Hon Wm T. Barry. But should the Department deem it necessary however he expects he can procure the testimony of the following witnesses as to part of his Services who this affiant has understood lives in this state, but at a considerable distance from this affiant. To wit Capt Jesse

Evans who was mentioned as being on the Illinois Expedition. Col. Benjamin Cooper who was with this affiant on the expedition in the year 1782 as above mentioned and was also with this affiant in the Battle of the Blue licks [19 Aug 1782] - and also a Mr. John Caloway who was on the expedition to Ky with this affiant under the command of Col. John Brown

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesd [signed] James Kincaid

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace within and for the County of Lafayette James Kincaid who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he can not swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

In the year 1776 28 days at least he served as a private under the Command of Capt John Duncan who was ordered out to protect and guard the frontiers of Virginia from the Indians by Col. Arther Campbell [Arthur Campbell] I believe

In 1777 he went to Kentucky to reinforce the Stations therein under the Command of Col John Boman as a private soldier. in the month of July of the year 1777 he enlisted he dose not recollect for how long under Leftenant Wm Bush and joined Capt Henry Palding's Company who belonged to Col John Boman's Regiment and did march with them to Boonsborough in Kentucky and as an inducement to enlist as aforesaid he was promised a bounty of two hundred acres of land (in addition to his pay but owing to reasons assigned in his original Declaration he did not serve out his full time but he did serve under Boman fifty days taking in the time allowed by said Boman to return home for which service he states he has never received any thing. the discharge he received he dose not now recollect what has become of it.

Early in the spring 1779 he the said James and his brother Joseph Kincaid enlisted with a certain recruiting officer by the name of Thomas Quirk for one year to serve in an expedition to Illinois under the Command of Col. John Montgomery from Virginia as stated in his Declaration herein refered to. he states immediately after entering into service as aforesaid he was taken into the staff Department and was made quarter master Sargent under the quarter master John Read and his Brother Joseph Received a Commission of Ensign. he believes his Brother was Ensign in the Company of Capt Quirk but as to his part he never mustered in any Company whilst he remained in the service but continued in the staff department as aforesaid. he states that he was In actual service as aforesaid for Twelve months ~

he conceives though a part of that time he was out on Furlo as stated in his former declaration he states that according to his recollection he was out four months and a half on Furlo. he returned to the Falls of Ohio [at present Louisville KY] according to his Furlo But the officers not being then there who were authorized to grant him his discharge for his services for the first year of his enlistment (he having enlisted whilst at a post for a second year) he did not get one. he states that he furnished a substitute namely Joshua Prewett as mentioned in his former Declaration to serve for the time of his second enlistment. he states that in consideration that he would enlist as aforesaid he was promised a bounty of land and money (besides the pay he would be intitled to which bounty of Land he has not yet received nor has he ever before made application therefor he states that for his pay he made application to a certain Daniel Broadhead [possibly Col. Daniel Brodhead] who he understood was paymaster of that Regiment and and produced to him a certificate from Leftenant Baily an officer who belonged to Clarks Regment that he this deponant served in the Illinois expedition and upon which certificate he did draw a part of his pay - though he had to take it in goods Broadhead telling him he had no money - the goods not suiting him this deponant took up to the amount of fourteen pounds - only - which is all that this deponant has ever received -

In the year 1780 early in the month of July he states he volunteered to go an expedition as a private soldier against the Shawnee Indians as stated in his former declaration herein refered to under the Command of Col. James Harrod. We marched from Harrods station to the Falls of Ohio. there we joined Genl. Clark and he remained in service he thinks he can safely say eight weeks. after this Expedition this Deponant states that he was appointment Ensign in the Malitia

in the Company of Capt Joseph Kincaid and belonged to Col James Harrods Regiment and states that by the order of said Col James Harrod he was placed at Macafee's Station [McAfee's Station on Salt River in KY] and had under his command Twenty four men and remained in service one month as aforesaid guarding said fort. This was in the summer 1781. In the year 1782 early in the Summer he states that he did serve a Term of one month more at guarding of public property at the mouth of Shawnee Run [in Harrodsburg] still acting as ensign this was also by the command of Col. James Harrod. In this year 1782 he states after the service rendered at the mouth of Shawnee Run he was In the Celebrated Battle of the Blue licks as stated in his Declaration aforesaid. he states that they heard of the attack made by the Indians on Briants Station [sic: Bryan's Station in present Fayette County, 15 - 16 Aug] about thirty four miles from the same on the south side of Kentucky River at Harrods Station that his Brother Joseph Kincaid was Capt then of a company John Irven [probably John Irvine] was his leftenant & this Deponant was his Ensign an express came to his Brother informing him of the attack afs'd. this was on the 17th of August. that evening we raised fifteen men he started about sun down and marched all night and about day break we got to Lexington Fort. thence to Briants Station got there about 7 o'clock the next morning started from Briants Station about 10 oclock with about 180 men - overtook the Indians on the 19th. Give them Battle and got defeated there as he stated before his Brother Joseph was killed he states he was 9 days in service at that time. the next service he rendered was against the Shawnee Indians under the Command of Gen'l. Clark & Benjamin Logan as stated in his former Declaration refferance being herein made thereto for particulars - he acted as Leftenant in that expedition under Capt John Irven he states he was in service on this expedition he thinks at least five weeks —

Some time after the expedition last spoken of he states he was appointed Capt of a malitia Company and Commissioned by the State of Virginia in the County of Mercer in the District of Ky. and in the year 1787 he was ordered by Col Gabriel Madison Commandant of the Cty aforesaid to take the command of a company to go against the Cherokee Indians under the command of Col. Benjamin Logan It was expected that aid would have been furnished from Logan to Cumberland settlement. We went to the place of Rendesvous But Logan did not receive the expected aid and the expedition fell through he states he was in he was out about 7 days. he states that about this time the Indians was quite troublesome [illegible word] coming into the settlement frequently and stealing horses & killing people and he was ordered out frequently for the purpose of ranging the County as Capt aforesaid he cannot now recollect the numbers of days he was in this kind of service but no hesitation in saying he was at least fifteen days

The next expedition he went was Scott & Wilkersons expedition as stated in his Declaration herein refered to. he states that in that expedition he was a private he was in service thirty three days. he states that the expedition above alluded to was directed by a special act of Congress as this affiant understood and for all this he claims a pension

he

[signed 21 Mar 1834] James Kincaid {Seal}