

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Kincaid (Kincade) W12029

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[Transcriber's note: this application does not contain the usual introductory language found in other applications. From applicant's statements, it appears he was living in Lincoln County North Carolina when he gave the statement set forth below.]

[fn p. 17]

John Kincaid swears that he was Eighty three years of age on the ninth day of August last which doth appear on the Register of his Father's Bible; that he was born in the County of Cumberland and State of Pennsylvania, removed from there to the (County of York) now York District South Carolina in the year 1772 and where he continued to reside during the War of the Revolution and to the year 1824, from thence he removed to Lincoln County North Carolina where he has and continues to reside; further declares on Oath that the following is a true statement of the services he performed in the forces of the United States during the Revolutionary War.

First: that he was drafted for a term of two months; that he served a term of six weeks on Sandy River where a number of Tories were collected (then called Scofulites)¹ under Colonel Neel [Thomas Neel] to the best of his knowledge in the year 1777 or 1778.

Second: he volunteered and served a tour of four months under the said Colonel Neel; was marched from York District South Carolina to the River on this side of Augusta in Georgia in the early part of the year 1779.

Third: he volunteered and served a tour of 10 months against the Cherokee Indians under the said Colonel Neel to the over hill towns [Overhill Towns], he thinks also in the year 1779.

Fourth: that he was drafted for two months and served a tour of nine weeks under Major Wallis [sic, Wallace?] at Orangeburg in South Carolina at which time he was appointed and acted as Lieutenant in the year 1780.

~~Fifth~~ Sixth: he was drafted for a tour of two months and served nine weeks at Wright's Bluff on the Congaree some distance below Granby under no higher officers than Captain – at this tour he was appointed and did act as Captain in Company with Captains Miller and Hannah, they were ordered there by Colonel Bratton [William Bratton] for the purpose of preventing Boats from passing up the River to Supply the British with provision, ammuniton &c in the Summer of 1780.

~~Sixth~~ Fifth: he was drafted two months and served a tour of nine weeks, was marched to Briar

¹ Scofolite, Scoffelites, Scopholites, Scovelites or Coffelites: A name given to white Tories who dressed up like Indians when attacking patriot fortifications in the hope of deflecting their neighbors' animosity away from themselves and onto the Cherokees who constituted a constant threat to the frontier settlers prior to and throughout the period of the Revolutionary War. The name derived from Joseph Scoffel or Coffel, a Tory, who was active in the loyalist cause from an early period of the war. For an excellent discussion of the "Scoffol Lights," see, Rachel N. Klein, "Frontier Planters and the American Revolution: The South Carolina Backcountry, 1775-1782," in Ronald Hoffman, Thad W. Tate and Peter J. Albert, eds., *An Uncivil War: The Southern Backcountry During the American Revolution*, (Charlottesville: United States Capitol Historical Society by The University Press of Virginia, 1985), 37-69.

Creek in Georgia and commanded by Col Watson where he also acted in the Capacity of Lieutenant also in the year 1780 previous to the fifth tour inserted on preceding page.

Seventh: he volunteered and joined Genl Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in the Indian lands in South Carolina, he served under him as a Captain, was marched to Rocky Mount where they had an engagement and where the [illegible were] Colonel Neel was killed, from thence to Friday's Ferry near to where Columbia is now situated and Angram's [sic, Ancrum's] Ferry where they had several small engagements with the British, from thence marched under the same officer below Camden a few days after Gates' [Horatio Gates'] defeat, they were surprised and defeated; after this defeat he fell under Col Hawthorn [James Hawthorn] and was marched to the Wateree [River] where we took Col Phillips (a Tory), his baggage and some other provisions. Were thence marched under Cols Hawthorn and Hill [William Hill] to North Carolina and joined Colonel Graham and there united with the mountain men commanded by Col Campbell [William Campbell], where they had the good fortune to defeat Col Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] at King's Mountain in October 1780; from the time he joined Colonel Sumter until he returned after the Battle of King's Mountain he thinks he served a full tour of four months.

Eighth: Volunteered and served a tour of five months under Col Hawthorn in York and Chester Districts South Carolina in Scouting parties after Tories – in the year 1781 – that he was in all to the best of his recollection in the service of the United States Twenty Three Months (of which time he acted as Captain eleven months and as Lieutenant four months) at each time of volunteering and drafting that he went from York District South Carolina, that he received for his services Indents or Certificates on the public, that he does not recollect that he ever received any discharge but was dismissed by general orders, that he does not know of any person now living by whom he can prove the foregoing services – and that his name is not now nor never [sic] has been on any pension list whatsoever. & I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present &c.

S/ J Kincaid

Sworn to & subscribed open court.

S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

[Bolin T. Kerby, a clergyman, and Andrew Coyle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions April Term 1833 -- April 30

Personally appeared John Kincaid a resident of said County who being sworn saith that he is unable to prove by commission or living witness that he was Captain as is required by the regulations of the Pension department, he therefore contents himself with securing the pay of a private, he swears that he served twenty-three months in all and for this time he claims a pension -- he swears that he never received a discharge regularly written, he returned always with the officers.

S/ John Kincaid

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

[fn p. 13: on April one, 1853 in Chester District South Carolina, Anna Kincaid, 60, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act as the widow of John Kincaid a soldier of the revolution who drew a pension of \$76 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him September 10, 1817 in York District South Carolina; that her husband died August 10, 1836 or 37; that she knows of no record of her age but the record of her children's ages which is attached commencing with Margaret Elizabeth Dods Kincaid and downward; that she remains a widow.]

[fn p. 15: family record

Thomas Bohanan born 1774

Margret Elizabth [sic] Dods Kincaid born December the 7th 1818 Menday [sic]²
John Adams Kincaid Born February the 22d 1821 Thursay [sic]
Susanna Martha Kincaid Born February the 21st 1823 Friday³
William Thomson Kincaid Bor [sic] December the 24th 1824 friay [sic]
Joseph Robert Kincaid Born the 21st of August 1828 thursday

[fn p. 10: On April 12, 1855 in Gaston County North Carolina Anna Kincaid, 62, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Kincaid, a pensioner for his services in the revolution; that she is a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$76.66 per annum; that she married him in New York District South Carolina September 10, 18__by Squire Joseph McKinney; that her name prior to her marriage was Anna Gregory; that her husband died in Lincoln County in August 1837 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 5:On Nov. 25, 1870, E. Milton Berry and T. L. Brandon, gave testimony that Anna Kincaid was a pensioner; she is now dead after living in Gaston County, NC for 75 years past; the clerk found that Anna Kincaid was a pensioner at the rate of \$159.32/annum; that she died September 17, 1868 in Gaston County, NC survived by Margaret E. Henderson, heir of John N. Kincaid, dec'd, Wm T. Kincaid, Joseph R. Kincaid "all children of the said Ann Kincaid."]

[facts in file: Anna Gregory Kincaid was born may 25, 1793; she died September 17 1868; all of her children survived her except John Adams Kincaid.]

² She married James W. Henderson

³ She married a Johnston