Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kemb (Kemm) VAS1029 vsl 2VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 11/11/13

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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

Of the affidavit of Catharine Kemm of the County of Lancaster & State of Virginia aged seventy-seven years taken in one form before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid – Being first affirmed, this affiant says she well recollects that John Kemb, alias Kemm, enlisted into the Continental Service about the Commencement of the Revolutionary War for what time he enlisted this affiant cannot say, but well recollects he served five years & probably more. This affiant also says she well recollects that Henry Pullen¹ enlisted into the service under a certain Captain Burgess Ball for two years, which time he served & that he then reenlisted & served during the whole war & from the general report after his return, it was confidently believed he was one of the lifeguard of General Washington or was in some capacity a member of his family. And further this affiant saith not.

Attest

S/ Thomas S Dunaway S/ Catharine Kemm, X her mark [Attested February 7th, 1832 in Lancaster County Virginia.]

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¹ Henry Pullen VAS299