

Pension Application for Samuel Kennedy or Kenneday

W.20317 (Widow: Catharine McIntyre) Married April 10, 1782 by the Rev'd Barent Vrooman Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectada. They had three children, Margaret, John, & Catharine. Samuel died February 9, 1842. Catharine died June 9, 1843.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this nineteenth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Montgomery, now sitting Samuel Kenneday a resident of the town of Johnstown in the County and State aforesaid aged 71 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of May, the day he cannot state, in the year 1776 he enlisted in a company commanded by Capt John Winn, Lieutenant Elias Grose & Ensign Peter Scramblin that he enlisted for during the pleasure of Congress, as a volunteer, that he served, at this time, until about the First of February of the next year. He went from Curries Bush, Albany County [?] Schenectady, State of New York, they marched through Tryon County, Now Montgomery & Otsego Counties for the purpose of cleaning away the Tories & Indians. This was an independent company belonging to no regiment. He served seven months at this time.

In the month of June on or about the first, in the year 1777, he enlisted as a volunteer, in independent company commanded by Captain Canute, Lieutenant Truax and the ensigns name is not recollected by this your applicant, that he served under the said officers until the latter part of August and went from the same place as above stated, as a Scout and for the same purpose as above stated to Saratoga.

In the same year in the month of September the day he cannot state, he volunteered in the Militia service in Cap Thomas Wasson, Lieutenant John Thornton & Ensign Alexander Crawford's Company belonging to Col. Wemples Regiment of which Smith & Wemple were majors, that he went from Curries Bush to Saratoga and remained there until after Burgoyne was taken and was in an engagement at that place and was out about a month at this time.

In the year 1778 in the month of May the day he cannot state he enlisted for nine months under Captain James Peek, the other company officers names he does not recollect, belonging to Col. Hays Regiment & Major Settle that he went from Curries Bush aforesaid, to White Plains, West Chester County and was engaged to the Batteax Service he was discharged about the first of March and served nine months.

He has no documentary evidence. He was born in the year 1760 in Curries Bush, Albany County aforesaid. He has resided in Springfield Otsego County & Johnstown Montgomery County State of New York since the Revolution and resided when called into the service in Curries Bush when called into the service.

He is acquainted with the following persons residing in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for truth & veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution to wit, Rev. Simon Hosack, Philipp Graff and others.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. (Signed with his mark) Samuel Kenneday

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

Letter in folder dated May 12, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow in regard to Samuel Kennedy were obtained from pension claim, W.20317, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Samuel Kennedy was born in 1760 in Curriesbush, that part of Albany County which was later Duanesburgh, or Princetown, Schenectady Co., New York. The names of his parents were not given.

While residing in Curriesbush, Albany County, New York, Samuel Kennedy volunteered in April or May, 1776, and served until about February, 1777, as private under Captains John Winn and Glass in an independent company of Rangers. He enlisted in April, 1777, served six weeks as private in Captain Thomas Wasson's company, Colonel Abraham Wemple's New York regiment. He volunteered about June 1, 1777, and served two months as sergeant in Captains Canute's and Thomas Wasson's companies, Colonel Wemple's New York regiment on a scout to Saratoga. He volunteered in September, 1777, served one month as sergeant in Captain Thomas Wasson's company, Colonel Abraham Wemple's New York regiment, was in the battle of Saratoga and remained there until after the surrender of Burgoyne. He enlisted early in the spring of 1778, served as private in captains William James' and James Peek's companies, Colonel Hays' New York regiment in the batteau service, and was discharged after having served nine months. He subsequently was called out after 1778 on various expeditions to Schoharie Forts, Johnstown and Caughnawaga, amounting in all to more than three months, with the company of militia to which he belonged; names of officers and dates of enlistment not designated.

After the Revolution, he resided in Springfield, Otsego County, New York, and in Johnstown, in that part of Montgomery County formerly a part of Tryon County, and which later became Fulton County, New York.

Samuel Kennedy was allowed pension on his application executed September 19, 1832, while a resident of Johnstown, New York. He died February 9, 1842.

Samuel Kennedy married April 10, 1782, in Schenectady, State of new York, Catharine McIntyre. The date and place of her birth and names of parents were not stated. After their marriage they resided two years with Samuel's parents in Curriesbush.

Catharine Kennedy applied for pension April 13, 1843, at which time she was aged eighty=six years and a resident of Johnstown, Fulton County, New York. Her claim was allowed. She died June 9, 1843.

Samuel Kennedy and his wife, Catharine, had three children, named as follow:
Margaret, who in 1844 was aged fifty-six years and a resident of Johnstown, New York, and signed Margaret Bowen but did not state the given name of her husband.

John, age or other details not given, who died prior to 1844.

Catharine, who in 1844 was the wife of ____ Ferguson, his given name not designated.

In 1832, one George D. Ferguson was County Clerk of Montgomery County, New York. In 1844, one Samuel Ferguson was a resident of Johnstown, New York; their relationship to Soldier's daughter, Catharine Ferguson, or to each other, not shown.

In 1843, one Donald McIntyre was First Judge of the court of Common Pleas of Fulton County, New York; his relationship to soldier's wife, Catharine was not shown.