

Pension Application for Alexander Kidd

W.20333 (Widow: Coziah Ann) Alexander was an Orderly Sergeant in the company commanded by Captain Tenbrooke in the Regiment commanded by Gen. James Clinton. He also served in the War of 1812. Married September 1783. Alexander died on Governor's Island while serving as a soldier under Col. House in the "late War with England".

City, County and State of New York
Marine Court of the City of New York.
Present Judge Scott.

On this twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, personally appeared before the Justices of the Marine Court of the City of New York Mrs. Coziah Ann Kidd a resident of the City County and State of New York aged eighty three years the first day of last May AD, 1837, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th AD 1836.

That she is the widow of Alexander Kidd, who was a Sargeant [Sergeant] in the service of the United States, during the whole of the Revolutionary War of this Country with Great Britain, who entered the service at the commencement of the war by enlisting in the same for and during the war, served the whole of the war and was discharged at the close of the war at Washington's Camp about two miles from Newburgh in the County of orange and State of New York.

Alexander Kidd served as I believe under Major VanDyke of Albany and I know that he served under Captain Tenbrook at the close of the revolutionary war. I believe that Alexander Kidd was at the Battle of White Plains and I know that he was at the battle of the taking of Lord Cornwallis.

I believe also that my husband was at the battle of Monmouth and Trenton. I know that my husband was in most, if not all of the great battles, in which General Washington was himself engaged, for I know that my husband was during much of the war with General Washington himself.

My husband was attached to the reinforcements which were sent continually from one division of the army to an other [sic] as occasion required.

My husband resided at Fort Miller in the State of New York at the time he enlisted and was a sergeant in was were called the "York Troops" General Clinton commanded the York Troops. I have no documentary evidence in my possession of my husband's in the Revolutionary War.

She further declares that she was married to the said Alexander Kidd, about the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three.

That her husband the aforesaid, Alexander Kidd died at the close of the last War of the United States with Great Britain and that he said Alexander Kidd died on Governor's Island in the service of the United States the next May after the peace was declared. He served under Colonel House during the last war with Great Britain.

I do not recollect the day he died.

I have no documentary evidence in my possession to show what day of the month said Kidd died.

I have said above that I was married about the first day of October AD 1783.

I say "about" because I have not any means of [assalaining?] the exact day without great trouble, but I know positively that I was married during the month of October AD 1783.

She further says that she has remained a widow ever since the decease of her husband the said Alexander Kidd, which was at the time aforesaid. . (Signed with his mark) Coziah Ann Kidd.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written. In open court before John B. Scott