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Pension application of Henry Kea S8783

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County: August Term 1832, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

On this 28th day of August personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting Henry Kea, aged 79, a native of Surry County Virginia – now resident of the County of Edgecombe North Carolina who 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 of June 7th 1832.

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

He emigrated to this County from the place of his birth at a very early period of a life and entered the service of the United States in the company of Captain James Scarborough,¹ of which company Jesse Howard was Lieutenant. This company was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Hy. Hart [Henry Hart], of which Regiment John Branch² was Lieutenant Colonel. The company having organized at Tarborough marched to Hillsboro and from thence to Salisbury and to New Providence, from which place he was attached to guard the baggage as the discharge from General Jones will show. The whole period occupied the term of three months for which time he had been drafted.

Soon after having returned home he was drafted into a Cavalry company of which company Malachi Moor [? Moore? could be Morn or Moon]³ was Captain – Colonel Hart commanded the Regiment of which this company was a part. The duty he [did] then was mostly local – scouring the County in search for Tories and outliers which he would convey to Halifax and deliver them to Continental officers. He was thus employed for three months.

Deeming the discharge of General Jones sufficient he has not provided himself with other evidence to prove the facts set forth in the first claim of his declaration although Captain Scarborough is still in life. His evidence however he does not think it for. The last clause he sustains by the oath of Nath Bilbry.⁴

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

Sworn to and subscribed.

S/ Henry Kea

I Nath'l Bilbry do hereby certify that to my knowledge Henry Kea was in the service as stated by him in the second clause of his declaration and I believe the facts there stated to be correct.

S/ Nathaniel Bilbry

This day Certify that Henry Key [sic] a Soldier Belonging to my Brigade, was detached from Camp New Providence as a guard to my Baggage, which Duty he has Faithfully Discharged, I therefore Discharge him from His Tower [sic, tour] of Duty in my Brigade. Given from under my hand at Halifax this 20th Day of November 1780.

S/ Allen Jones, Br. Gl.

1 [James Scarborough \(Scarborough\) S7467](#)

2 [John Branch W5925](#)

3 In abstracting the application, the War Department interpreted this reference as “Malachi Moore.”

4 [Nathaniel Bilbry \(Bilbory\)](#)