

Pension Application for Thomas Kennedy

W.16316 (Widow: Dorothy) Thomas was born in Ireland, he died March 13, 1835.

Family Record

Marriages

Thomas Kennedy married Dorothy Wood Feb 11, 1778.
Lucy Kennedy married to Genjoninbacken Jan 11th 1796.
Sene Kennedy married to Joseph Legraff Dec 15th 1799.
Thomas W. Kennedy married to Catherine Lewus Feb 5th 1809.
Dinette Degraff married to Reece Harmen Nov 1, 1823.
James Kennedy married to Lucinda Grenell Sept 11, 1816.

Births

Thomas Kennedy born [?] O. 19th in the year 17[blot].
Elijah Kennedy born July 16th 1789.
Abigail Kennedy born Sept. 10th 1791.
James Kennedy born August 11, 1794.
Dorothy Wood born N. 14th in the year 175[?]
Lucy Kennedy born the 3 of January in the year 1779
Sally Kennedy born Mar 19th 1797.
Jene Kennedy born Jan 24, 1781.
Emanuel Degraff born Ju 4th 1801.
Thomas Kennedy born Sept 10th 1784.
Diretta Degraff born Dec the 19th 1803.
David Kennedy born Feb 14th 1787.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this eighteenth day of September in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two personally appeared before Samuel A. Gilbert one of the Judges of the County Courts for the County of Montgomery Thomas Kenneda a resident of the town of Broadalbin in the said county and state – aged ninety one years on the nineteenth day of October last past 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 seventh 1832.

This deponent was born in Ireland in the Kingdome of Greate Breton in the County of Down in the year 1740--& this deponent has a record of his age in a family Bible now in his possession.

That this deponent when he entered the service resided in the town of Bellston—now town of Milton County of Saratoga & State aforesaid.

That he volunteered in the Malisha [militia] of the State of New York the first week in May in the year 1776—Under Capt White & the ridgiment [regiment] to which this deponent belonged was commanded by Colonel Schoonhoven--& that one Mitchel was Maj. And this deponent first went from Milton aforesaid to Stone Arabia [Stone Arabia]—from thence went to Schorarie [Schoharie] was there when Independence was

declares from there went to Fort Edward deponent cannot recollect what length of time he staid at each of the aforesaid places that he returned home to Milton the last week in Sept following—

Ion the year 1777—this deponent was out in scouting parties in Milton & vicinity aforesaid during the most of the season—And at the taking of Burgoine this deponent with the company to which he belonged then commanded by Capt. Collins in the regiment of Colonel Gordon was attached to the Army of General Gates and there continued until after the surrender of General Burgoine.

In the year 1778 –this deponent continued under the same officers as this deponent believes and spent that season in the vicinity of Milton aforesaid in endeavouring to prevent the Indians and Tories from committing depredations upon the inhabitants—

And in the year 1779 this deponent continued in the same services as in the year before until the tenth day of October in said year when this deponent together with Colonel Gorden—Capt. Collins—Capt Benedict, Esquire Walters & others were taken prisoners by the British & Indians and by them carried to Montreall [Montreal] where this deponent remained a prisoner until the arrival of the nuse [news] of the surrender Cornwalllice [Cornwallis] when this deponent was discharged from his imprisonment and returned home to his family in the month of December following and this remained in Milton aforesaid until the year 1794—then moved to Broadalbin where [he] now resides [resides]--

This deponent never received any writen [written] discharge—that this deponent has no Documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whoes [whose] testimony he can procure who can testify to his service or imprisonment—

And this deponent refers to Joseph Degolyer & Daniel Stewart as persons who are acquainted with me and can testify to my veracity and corroborate my statements in relation to the services performed and imprisonment.

And this deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whoever [whatever] to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pention [pension] roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Thomas Kennedy

Sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of September 1832 before me Samuel A. Gilbert one of the Judges of Montgomery County Courts.

Letter in folder dated April 26, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow in regard to Thomas Kennedy were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.16316, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Thomas Kennedy was born in County Down, Ireland, October (?) 19, 1735 or in 1740 (both dates given). The names of his parents were not stated.

While residing in that part of Ballston which later became Milton in Saratoga County, New York, Thomas Kennedy volunteered the first week of May 1776, served as private in Captain White's company, Colonel Schoonhoven's New York regiment, was at Schoharie when Independence was declared, went to Fort Edward from there and

returned to Milton the last week of September, following. In 1777, he was engaged in scouting about Milton and its vicinity in Captain Collins' company, Colonel Gordon's New York regiment, and was at the surrender of Burgoyne. He continued to serve during the years 1778 and 1779 in Captain Collins' company, Colonel Gordon's New York regiment, engaged in guarding the country around Milton from depredations by Indians and Tories and was taken prisoner October 10, 1779, by the British and Indians, carried to Montreal, Canada, where he was held until after the surrender of Cornwallis, when he was released and returned to his family in December, following. It was stated that he was actually engaged in service one year six months and was held prisoner more than two years.

The soldier continued to reside in Milton, New York, until 1794, then moved to Broadalbin, Montgomery County, New York, where he died March 13, 1835.

Thomas Kennedy married February 11, 1778 in Sharon (?), Connecticut, Dorothy Wood, who was born Mar(?) 14, 1750, place not stated, nor names of her parents shown.

Dorothy Kennedy was allowed pension which was due her husband, Thomas, at the time of his death, on her application which was executed February 13, 1838, while she was living in Broadalbin, New York.

The following family data are shown in the claim:

Lucy Kennedy, born January 3, 1779, married Jan. 11, 1796, Benjamin Backer.

Sene Kennedy, born January 24, 1781; married Jan. 24, 1781, Joseph Degraff.

Thomas W. Kennedy, born September 10, 1784; married Feb. 5, 1809, Catherine Lewis.

David Kennedy born February 14, 1787.

Elijah Kennedy born July 16, 1789.

Abigail Kennedy born September 10, 1791.

James Kennedy born August 11, 1794; married Sept. 11, 1816, Lucinda Grenell, and in 1838 living in Broadalbin, New York.

Sally Kennedy born March 19, 1797.

Emanuel Degraff, born June 4, 1901.

Diretha Degraff, born June 4, 1801; married Nov., 1823, Reece Harmon.

Thomas Kennedy's brother, John Kennedy, Married Hannah___who, in 1833, was aged seventy-seven years and a resident of Broadalbin, New York. No further rdata were given in regard to John or to his wife, Hannah, whose maiden name was not stated.

Enoch Wood, brother of soldier's wife, Dorothy Kennedy, served with Thomas Kennedy in the Revolution and was taken prisoner with him.