

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Keeling (Keeland, Keland) VAS1021

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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Frederick County July 28, 1786

I have this day examined James Keeling's Wounds, and do Certify that in consequence thereof he has utterly lost the use of his right arm & hand

S/ [indecipherable first name] Baldwin

Frederick County July 28 1786

I have this day examined James Keeling's Wounds, and do certify that in consequence thereof he hath utterly lost the use of his right arm & hand

Com. Baldwin

I do, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify, that James Keeling, aged about 73 years late a private in the first Virginia Regiment raised the war<sup>1</sup> before the last appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of Virginia as to entitle him to the sum of Eight Pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him to commence on the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand, as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1787

<sup>1</sup> This reads as if this pension was paid with regard to the war known as the Seven Years War or the French and Indian War which ended in 1763 and not for services rendered during the Revolution despite being filed among the revolutionary war claims. This would make more sense if in fact the veteran's true age was 73 years at the time he first qualified for the pension.

S/ T. Meriwether

S/ Edm: Randolph

**I** D O, with the advice of the Council, hereby certify, that  
*James Keeling, aged about 70 years late a Private*  
*in the first Regt<sup>th</sup> Regiment raised*  
*the war before the last -* appears to have been disabled in  
 such a manner while in the service of *Virginia*  
 as to entitle him to the sum of *Eight Pounds*  
 yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to com-  
 mence from the *first* day of *January* 1776  
 Given under my Hand, as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia,  
 at Richmond, this *22<sup>d</sup>* day of *February* 1777

*T. Meriwether*  


*Edm: Randolph*

[Note: The remaining papers in this file relates to the annual authorization, disbursement and receipt of the pension due the veteran up to and through February 8, 1794 which appears to be the last date on which the pension was disbursed.]

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Pay the within to Jno. Peyton [John Peyton] or order for value of [indecipherable word] received this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 1794

S/ James Keeling

*Pay the within to Jno. Peyton or order for*  
*value of [indecipherable word] this eighth day of Feb<sup>r</sup>*  
*1794.*  
*James Keeling*