

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Keeling R5812

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

On this 14th day of April 1834 personally appeared before Moses Taggart Judge of the Court of Ordinary and One of the Justices of the Quorum for Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina Edmund Keeling of the State & District aforesaid aged Seventy-one 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 provision made the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private and as a substitute in the place of one Harrison Sullivan in the month of June in the year 1780 in Charlotte County State of Virginia under one Captain Edmund Reid [Edmund Reed] who commanded a company of mounted horsemen, with whom the Applicant was marched to Amherst Courthouse in the State of Virginia and from thence to South Carolina to join Colonel William Washington under whom & in Captain Reid's company the Applicant done performed military service until the month of January 1781 when the American forces under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] met the British at a place called the Cowpens and where a battle [January 17, 1781] was fought in which Applicant was severely wounded having then served fully 7 months continuous military duty as a substitute for the said Harrison Sullivan, who then afterwards took the Applicant's place in the Company, he being unable to do duty from his Wounds.

The Applicant further says that when he was at home in the State of Virginia Charlotte County he belonged to a Militia Company commanded by one Captain Joseph Friend and that in the month of June of the year 1781, it came to his number to serve a tour of duty in the Militia this was about the time that the Baron Steuben left the public stores at the Point of fork on James River and was marched as a private under Captain William Jameson and Colonel Skipwith from Charlotte County to Prince Edward Courthouse where Colonel Skipwith's [perhaps Henry Skipwith's] Regiment joined the brigade of Militia under the command of General Robert Lawson, under whom & with his forces the Applicant was marched to Carter's Ferry on James River, crossed it and pursued the British Army down James River by Hanover Courthouse to old James town where General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] with a detachment of the Virginia militia including the Applicant had an engagement [July 6, 1781] with the British, the American forces were then placed under the command of the Marquis Fayette [Lafayette] who marched them to the Mayburn Hills [Malvern Hills] on James River where I got a discharge after having served 6 weeks military duty.

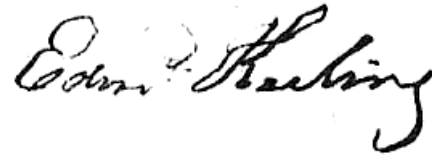
The Applicant further says, that after his return home and in the month of August 1781 it again came to his number to serve another tour of Military duty and was marched from Charlotte

Courthouse State of Virginia as a private under the command of Captain Collier [perhaps Thomas Collier] and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Holcomb [perhaps John Holcombe] to Yorktown in the State of Virginia, where the Applicant continued with the American forces until Cornwallis surrendered his army to General Washington [October 19, 1781] and from Yorktown, the Applicant served in assisting to guard some of the British prisoners to Winchester Virginia where the Applicant obtained his discharge after having fully served 3 months Military duty in this his last tour of duty in the service of his Country. The Applicant further says that from bodily infirmity he was unable to appear before the late Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions which were held the first week of this month for this District, And further says that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Moses Taggart, Judge

S/ Edwd Keeling

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edmond Keeling". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "S/ Edwd Keeling".

State of South Carolina Abbeville District: Amended Declaration of Edmund Keeling explanatory of the seven months service he performed in the Revolutionary War under Captain Edmund Reid

The Applicant Edmund Keeling further saith on oath, that Captain Edmund Reid was duly authorized and commissioned by the Governor of Virginia (who was Patrick Henry) to raise for Eighteen months service a company of Horsemen then known & called as Light Horse, that Captain Edmund Reid in a short time, enlisted for the term of Eighteen months, his full complement of men, that many young men were anxious to join the company for this period considering it a kind of frolic & where they would have an opportunity of signaling themselves, that amongst this number was Harrison Sullivan who in practicing his horse to leap, was thrown and so badly hurt that he was unable to do duty in the Company. The applicant then entered the company as a substitute for the said Harrison Sullivan & done & performed duty in the Company until the battle of the Cowpens when the applicant was dangerously wounded and rendered unable to do further duty in the company. And that he served in the said company under Captain Edmund Read from June 1780 to January 1781 fully seven months continuous service.

Sworn to & subscribed this 12th September 1834 before

S/ Moses Taggart, C. A. D. & JQ

S/ Edmd. Keeling