

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Keisinger (Kiesinger) R5818

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State of Indiana Owen County: SS: Owen Probate Court May Term 1834

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year while Lord 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John Dunn Sole Judge of Owen Probate Court now sitting: Andrew Keisinger a resident of Owen County aforesaid aged 77 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit, That at the County of Greenbrier in the State of Virginia he volunteered in the month of September in the year 1774 in the Company commanded by Captain John Lewis in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Andrew Lewis, that they rendezvoused at Lewisburg, and from thence were marched westwardly to the Ohio River to a Fort called Point Pleasant situated at the mouth of the Kanaway River [Kanawha River], to guard the frontiers inhabitants against the hostile Indians, that they arrived at the Fort about the first of October of the same year they set out, and had carried there but about one week, when they were attacked by a body of Shawnee Indians about sunrise on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, and the battle lasted till about sun setting of the same day, a good many were killed and wounded on both sides, but most on the side of the Indians, the Indians gave way, and retreated across the Ohio above the mouth of the Kankaway on rafts of timber prepared for that purpose. That in this tour he served not less than two months but does not now know for what term of time, the trip was undertaken, they were discharged at Point Pleasant by the Colonel, but he believes their discharge was verbal, if it was written he has forgotten that fact.

That in the fall of the year 1776 he again volunteered in the company commanded by Captain John Henderson whose company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Arbuckle, for a tour of three months, that they rendezvoused at Lewisburg aforesaid, and were then marched again to Point Pleasant, during this tour eight Indians came to the Fort and pretended friendship with us, among whom was an Indian King by the name of Cornstock [probably, Cornstalk], four of their number were detained as hostages, soon after an Army came on past the Fort in pursuit of the Indians, and a son of old Cornstock came into our camp the same time; and as some of the soldiers were hunting across the Kankaway one of them was killed by the Indians, which being known in camp the five Indians then with us were immediately put to death but he thinks it was done without the orders of the officers, they remained here until their term of service expired and they were again discharged as before;

That at the County of Greenbrier aforesaid he a third time volunteered in the company of

Captain John Wood in the Regiment of Colonel Querk [probably Thomas Quirk], in the spring of the year 1779 that as near as applicant now recollects they again rendezvoused at Lewisburg, and from thence were marched across New River, into the interior of Kentucky and from thence remarched back home that during this tour they had no engagement, that it was two months from the time they left Lewisburg till they returned to it again, but applicant thinks they were only engaged to go for one month; they were a third time discharged as before, that after this he was in the campaign of Logan [Benjamin Logan] and others but for which he is informed he is not entitled to pay as yet.

That his memory is very much impaired by reason of his age, and he is not able to say whether in either of the above tours of service, there was with them any General all other Officer superior in the Command to the Colonels aforesaid, that the dates of his service or given to the best of his recollection, that he cannot give them more definitely than he has done. That his services aforesaid were all performed as a volunteer, that a part of the other soldiers were drafted. That he served as aforesaid not less than six months actively and to the entire satisfaction of his Officers, and for which he claims a pension as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1756. That he has no record of his age, his account is traditionary. That he moved to Greenbrier County Virginia when about 10 years of age, and continued to live there until after the close of the Revolutionary War, he afterwards moved to Giles and then to Montgomery Counties in Virginia, thence he moved to Knox County Tennessee, thence to Granger [Grainger] County, thence to Monroe County Indiana, and thence to Owen County aforesaid where he now resides, that he lived in Virginia as aforesaid till about the year 1815, in Tennessee about 10 years in Indiana about 8 years past. That his discharges he thinks were all verbal his memory retaining no trace of their being otherwise, that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services, and has no documentary evidence of the same. That he has stated the names of as many of his officers as he can state, and the times, places & as fully as he recollects them. That his first declaration is so lost or mislaid that he cannot procure the same to return here with at this time.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim except the present to a pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State in the Union.

S/ Andrew Kiesinger, X his mark

[Joseph G Stevenson and Jacob Winkler gave the standard supporting affidavit, there being no clergyman in the neighborhood in which the veteran resides.]