

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Keller R5828

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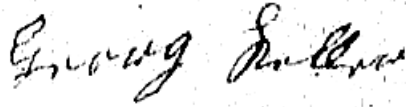
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Virginia Shenandoah County Sct.

On this 19th day of August A.D. 1836, personally appeared before me Absalom Rinker, a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid George Keller, a resident of the County and state aforesaid in the 73rd year of his age, 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 by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That in the spring of the year 1781, there was a draft made upon the Militia of Shenandoah County aforesaid for men to go across the mountain into Hardy County in pursuit of some Tories, in which service he volunteered upon being promised that he could receive for said service a discharge for a tour of militia duty; that he marched from said County of Shenandoah under Captain Jacob Rinker, to Hardy County before our Colonel Bird's Regiment; and the matter being settled with said Tories without any fighting, he got a discharge from Colonel Bird aforesaid for a tour of militia duty, and returned home about the first of June in said year 1781. That a few days after he returned home, as aforesaid, he volunteered again and marched from said County of Shenandoah, under Captain Jacob Rinker aforesaid to the city of Richmond, Virginia, and joined Colonel Harrison's Regiment; and after remaining there one night, he marched with said Regiment to Williamsburg, where he remained until about the first of August in the said year 1781, when said Regiment was discharged; and he received a discharge from Colonel Harrison aforesaid; – That about the first of September in the same year of 1781, there was a draft made upon the Militia of Shenandoah County aforesaid; and, that in said requisition he was drafted for 3 months and marched from said County of Shenandoah, under Captain Knall to Little-York in Virginia where he was attached to Colonel Darke's [William Dark's] Regiment, and remained there during the siege, and after the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], he was detailed as one of the guard to guard the prisoners taken at that place, and marched from there as such to Fredericksburg Virginia where he received a furlough, on the 31st day of October in said year 1781, from said Colonel Darke to go home, on account of being sick, and unfit for duty and to remain at home until called for again, and he remained sick until about Christmas 1781; and that he was never called into service again but remained on furlough until the fall of the year 1782, when he returned his furlough to some of the Militia officers who had commanded while he was in service the last tour mentioned above, and was finally discharged from the Army; The deponent declares that he was engaged in actual service upwards

of six months; but the discharges aforesaid have been mislaid or [indecipherable word]¹. The deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency of any state.

S/ George Keller



Shenandoah County Sct.

This day Christian Dellinger² aged about 71 or 2 years personally came before the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath that he has been well acquainted with George Keller subscriber to the declaration hereto annexed about 65 year last past; and knows that the said George Keller served the last Tour mentioned in said declaration (at Little York &c) as he, the said Dellinger, was with said Keller in the same service; and has frequently heard it talked in the neighborhood that said Keller did serve the other tours mentioned in said declaration; in the Revolutionary War: and that he has no hesitation in saying, that he is fully convinced the declaration hereto annexed, and sworn to by the said George Keller is substantially true. I hereby certify that the said Christian Dellinger is a man of truth, and entitled to full credit. Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of August A.D. 1836.

S/ A. Rinker

[John Nicholas Schmucker, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[The Deposition of Philip Wilkin, who certifies that Christina Keller (the wife of George Keller deceased, who subscribed and made oath to the declaration hereto annexed, and dated August the 19th 1836) died on the 20th day of December A.D. 1836, without issue.]



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² [Christian Dellinger R2857](#)