

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

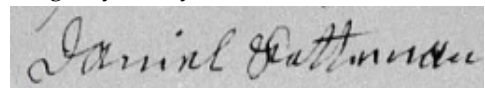
Pension Application of Daniel Ketterman S15908

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia }/Hardy County } SS

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the County of Hardy and State of Virginia, Daniel Ketterman aged 72 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 of the act of Congress Passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the Service of the united States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that in the spring of the year 1781, there was a draft in the company to which he belonged, which company was commanded by Captain James Cunningham in the County of Hampshire, and affiant was then drafted for a tower of three months. at this time affiant was very young and many people in his neighbourhood being disaffected to the American Caus; this affiant with a number of other young men was prevailed upon to refuse to to march in obedience to the said draft. In consiquence there of this affiant did for a time absent himself from his duty. but upon more mature reflection and being better advised did in the month of June in the said year 1781 report himself to Col Dark [William Darke], at Winchester who gave this affiant a certifficate with orders to join the army; this certifficate shewed that this affiant was to serve in the Regular Army six months from the fifteenth day of June, Some few days after this we marched to join the main army which then lay in the lower part of Virginia. When affiant left Winchester there was sent down some prisoners along with the detachment, which ware exchanged, but affiant does not recollect the place at which the exchange took place, but well recollects the emaciated appearance of the Americans who had been prisoners. [See endnote.] When affiant arrived at Head Quarters he was attached to a company commanded as well as he recollects by Captain [Augustine] Tabb, and beleaves that the regiment was commanded by Col. [Charles] Dabney From the great length of Time which has elapsed since the Revolution affiant has forgotten the many marches and events of the army. He recollects that they arrived at Yorktown about ten days before the surrender of Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781]. Affiant recollects of seeing the flag sent from the British commander to General Washington. After the surrender of Lord Cornwallace our rigiment was marched to Portsmouth. At this place the British army had made entrenchments and erected batteries, which we ware ordered to destroy and to fill up their entrenchments. In this service affiant was engaged untill his term of service had expired when he was discharged having served six months from the time he arrived at Winchester, affiant was five days in gowing from his home to Winchester, and affiant also twenty days in returning from Portsmouts home which will make his service on the tour six months and twenty five days. That on the first of April 1782 there was a draft in his said company, and Adam Harpole was drafted for a tour of three months, to march against the Indians who had made their appearance in the County of Monongahala [sic: Monongalia] in a settlement upon the Tigarts Valley River [sic: Tygart Valley River] – for this service affiant substituted for the said Adam Harpold. This company was commanded by Capt Daniel Defabough[?]. the other officers not recollectd. Our first rendesvous was at Mr. Fields From thence we ware marched to the said Tigarts Vally; when we arrived our company was divided and stationed in the several forts for the defence of the frontear This affiant was stationed at Wilsons fort [about ½ mi above the mouth of Chenoweth Creek in present Randolph County WV]. In this service we remained until the expiration of our tour and was discharged having served three months. Affiant 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 the agency of any state Sworn and subscribed this 6th day of December 1833.



The following are answers to the Interrogatories prescribed by the war department

I was born in Berks County in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1762

I have a record of my age in my family Bible

I was living in Hampshear [sic: Hampshire] County Virginia. I now live in Hardy County owing to the division of the County of Hampshear

I was first drafted. Afterward I substituted for Adam Harpold

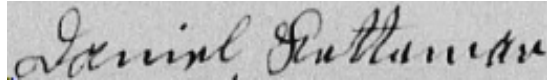
I formed no acquaintance with the regular officers. I knew Captain Tab & Col Dabney. I also saw Col Dark.

I also saw many of the officers when we lay at Little York, but have forgotten the names of most of them. I

saw the flag pass & repass from Cornwallace to General Washington. Affiant never received any clothing during his service.

I did receive a discharge. It was written on the back of the certificate which was given me by Col. Dark; having got no pay for my service I sold the said discharge & certificate to Mr. Job Welton. The discharge signed by Captain Tabb

Sworn to the day above



I can refer to Jacob Ketterman [signed as Jacob Ketteman], John Sites two of my neighbours who can testify to their belief of my being a soldier of the Revolution

NOTES:

The prisoner exchange referred to by Ketterman probably occurred at Jamestown in July 1781. Hessians captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 had been brought to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779, then transferred to Winchester Barracks on 20 Feb 1781. The Americans were mainly soldiers captured at Charleston SC on 12 May 1780 and kept for much of the time aboard abominable prison ships.

The following letter explains Ketterman's signature:

Moorefield Octr 4th 1836

Dear Sir [J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions] The Voucher of Daniel Ketterman a Revolutionary Pension[er] transmitted to you Augt 12th 1836 per letter from Mr Shook in Richmond have been returned to me by said Shook in your instruction you state that the pensioner must give satisfactory evidence why he puts his mark to his Voucher when the original Papers have his own proper signature I have since been to see the pension[er] and requested him to come before a magistrate and requested him to Draw [his pension] up to Sept last But owing to his age and the distance to a magistrate being 18 miles he said he could not be at the trouble at that time and having a river to cross upwards of twenty times – I am the person that Drew up his papers and did not request him to put his proper signature he said he wrote bad and in German and I did not know that it was material nor did I know that he signed his name to his original papers as they were Drawn up by others persons he has wrote his name on the back of your instructions which is herewith enclosed to you which you may compare with that in your Office this man has been at a great trouble to get his papers certified by a magistrate he has been at Petersburg [probably in Grant County] some three or four times to see a magistrate for that purpose but always was Disappointed (except once when his paper was wrong) which is the cause of his papers been delayd over 18 months I am willing to verify my statement as above by affidavit which is on the other side of this paper If you should see proper to send said papers to Richmond to Draw the money there please direct them to Jacob Shook Esq If not send them back to me Jos. McNemar jun