

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ditrich (Jeter or Teter) Kisling (Kesling) S16178

f32VA

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

The State of Ohio Warren County: SS

On this 3rd day of October personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable George J Smith President Judge of the 7th Circuit of the Court of Common Pleas, which embraces the said County of Warren, Wylie Pierson, Ignatius Brown & Michael H Johnston, Esquires Associate Judges now sitting, Jeter Kisling, a resident of Clear Creek Township in the County of Warren and State of Ohio, Aged Seventy-five 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 7th 1832. – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

About the commencement of the Revolutionary War the Indians were very troublesome in the Western Frontier of Virginia, Deponent volunteered his services to go to protect the frontier inhabitants. A company was formed and placed under the command of Captain William Knowl [probably William Nolle, also spelled William Nail], Lieutenant George Pence, does not recollect the name of the Ensign. The company was not attached to a Regiment, but served on a separate command. He was marched across the Alleghenia Mountains [Allegheny mountains] and ranged the country about the Little Canawha [Kanawha River] and remained there for the full term for which he volunteered which was three months.

Sometime in the summer or fall of the year 1780 or 1781 the British entered Virginia, near Richmond when a call was made for the Militia men and large number were drafted from Rockingham County where deponent resided – Among others one Michael Shooler was drafted, who procured this Deponent to take his place as a substitute. That he was placed under the command of Captain John Rush who was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Smith¹ and marched down to Richmond where he remained the three month being the Term for which he engaged.

Having returned home, and the summer of the next year he was Drafted to perform his own regular tour, which by the laws of Virginia was three months, he was placed under the command of Captain Reagan [Richard Reagon], Does not recollect the name of the Colonel who

¹ Men by the name of Abraham Smith and Daniel Smith both served at different times as colonels in the Rockingham County militia during the revolutionary war.

commanded the Regiment – he was marched to Williamsburg in old Virginia, and from thence to Little York, where he remained to the end of his term of service which was about 3 or 4 days before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] when he was discharged.

Deponent further states that he performed many other short terms of service for a few days such as procuring and forwarding provisions, in the impressment of Teams &c of which he cannot now make all give any definite account.

He has no Documentary evidence by which to prove his service and no person living in Ohio by whom he can prove his service entire – but believes there are some persons living in Virginia by whom a part or the whole of said service could be proved.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court 3rd October 1832

S/ J. K. Wilds, Clk

S/ Ditrich Kisling

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ditrich Kisling".

[James B Finley, a minister of the Methodist Church and the Ichabod Corwin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]