

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Keeton S2685

VA

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State of Ohio }

Gallia County } Ss

On this Tenth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Gallia State of Ohio now sitting David Keeton a resident of Gallia County aforesaid aged seventy six years and seven months 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, 1832 states That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted soldier in the County of Albemarl [sic: Albemarle] State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Isaac Davis the field officer's names he does not recollect he thinks he was drafted and entered the service in the winter of of 1777 [sic] for six months he then resided in the County of Albemarl and served out the time for which he was drafted and was honorably discharged he was in no engagement, he marched from the place where he was drafted to the Shannandoah River [sic: Shenandoah River] the particular place he does not at this time remember but there took charge of prisoners [captured at the Battle of Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and brought to Albemarle Barracks in Jan 1779] and marched them to Charlottesville in Albemarl County and a short time after helped to build Barracks about seven miles from [sic: 4 mi NNE of] Charlottesville where the prisoners were removed to and where we staid untill he was discharged as one of the gards. Between two and three years as near as this affiant can recollect he was again drafted for six months into the United States service in Patrick County [formed from Henry County in 1791] Virginia to which place he had moved. he served under Captain Haman Critz after he was drafted. was employed in garding baggage waggons from North Carolina into Virginia and also from Virginia into North Carolina does not recollect the names of the field officers was in no engagement and was honorably discharged About one year afterwards as near as he can recollect and about the close of the revolutionary war he was drafted a third time at Patrick County Virginia for six months and served under Captain Haman Critz. thinks the Regiment was commanded by Colonel James Lion [sic: James Lyon]. was never to his knowledge attached or served with any Regiment or company on continental establishment. During the last six months he was mostly engaged in North Carolina a part of the time on the Adkin River [sic: Yadkin River] and another part of the time on the Dan River and the balance of the time marching through the State of North Carolina in pursuit of the Tories and was dismissed at the close of the war in Halifax County Virginia as near as he can now recollect he further states that he served in all one year and six months and that he has no dockumentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

David hisXmark Keeton

Interrogatories by the Court

Que- Where and in what year were you born

Ans- I was born in the County of Albemarle in Virginia I think in the year AD 1756

Q Have you any record of your age if so where is it

Ans I have no record of my age at present- I have had but it is lost

Q- Where were you living when called into service-

Where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans I lived at the time I was called into the service in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia and after the war was over I resided in Henry County afterwards called Patrick County in Virginia untill about twenty two years since I have resided in Huntington in Gallia County

Q- How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute

Ans- I was Drafted each time

Q— Can you state the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops when you served such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Ans I was commanded by Capt Davis and the second touer by Capt. Cright [sic: Critz] attached to Col. Lyons Regiment. most of the time I was stationed to gard prisoners and bagage wagons – and served three touers

Q Did you ever receive a discharge

Ans I was discharged each tour but received no written discharge