

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Kesler S2688

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The State of Ohio, Preble County: SS

On this 21st day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in and for the County of Preble & State of Ohio Jacob Kesler a resident of Harrison Township Preble County & State of Ohio aged 75 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.

That he entered the Service at the County of York in the State of Pennsylvania where he then resided under Captain George Deal in Colonel Michael Swoop's Battalion of Pennsylvania Militia sometime in the year 1775 or 1776 this was a draft for a two month tour of duty, marched to Elizabeth town in the State of New York and that at the expiration of said tour of two months he entered the Service as a volunteer at Elizabethtown in the State of New York aforesaid for a three months tour under Captain John McDannold in said Colonel M. Swoop's Regiment or Battalion of Pennsylvania militia. Remained in the neighborhood of Elizabethtown most part of this tour – during this term commenced building Fort Lee near said Elizabethtown where he was discharged at the expiration of his tour of duty – served three months this tour & got no written discharge.

And that shortly afterwards entered the Service as a volunteer in Captain Nicholas Galwick's Company Pennsylvania militia were marched under Colonel Albright in an expedition against the Indians to Fort Roberts in what was called Sinking Valley served a tour of duty of two months this tour he thinks was performed in 1778.

And that he afterwards entered the service as a Substitute for one Jacob Finger in Lincoln County North Carolina in the North Carolina militia for a three months tour does not recollect the name of his Company officers, marched to Charles Town [sic, Charleston] South Carolina was under Colonel Hemright [Lt. Col. Frederick Hambricht] and served a tour of duty of three months most part of the time in Charleston South Carolina does not recollect the time he entered the service but knows he was discharged the 7th day of May and on the 12th day of the same month or five days after he was discharged the British took the town of Charleston [Siege of Charleston, spring 1780].¹

And Deponent does further declare that he did serve the several tours of duty aforesaid during the revolutionary War making aggregately ten months Service. And that he has no documentary evidence he had a written discharge which he has lost and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to all his said Services he herewith transmits the affidavit of Henry Horn who served a tour of duty with him 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 he further states that he has a Record of his age which he believes was taken from one made by

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

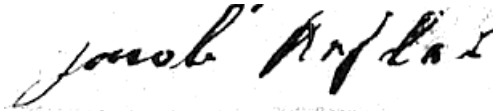
his father by which it appears he was born in July A.D. 1757 in the County of Burks [sic, Berks or Bucks?] in the State of Pennsylvania and that at the time he was called into Service he lived in York County and that he served in the militia of that state except the last tour he served in North Carolina and that since the revolutionary war he resided in Rockingham and Greenbrier Counties in the State of Virginia.

And from that place he came to Preble County in the State of Ohio where he now resides and has resided for the space of my nineteen years last past and that he is known to William Leas & Daniel Leas & others who reside in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a Soldier of the Revolutionary We.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

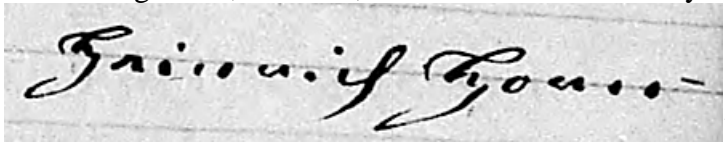
S/ J. C. Hawkins, Clerk

S/ Jacob Kesler



[Jacob F. Miller and Frederick Miller of Preble County gave the standard supporting affidavit. Henry Kumler, Jr., a clergyman, gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

[Henry Horn gave an affidavit stating that he is 78 years old and served with Kesler one tour of 2 months in York County, PA., under Captain George Deal in Col. Michael Swoops' Battalion. This affiant's signature, however, does not look like "Henry Horn".



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the South Carolina and Pennsylvania militias.]