

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William B. Key S31787

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[Note: the image of the following declaration as posted on Fold3.com. is very faint and difficult to read. The version as posted on HeritageQuest.com is much more legible.]

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State of Georgia Elbert County: SS

On this 18th day of March 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before his Honor William H Crawford Judge of the Superior Court in and for the Northern Circuit and State of Georgia, now sitting for the County of Elbert William B Key a resident of the County of Elbert and State of Georgia aged seventy-three years four months and a few days, 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 was drafted into the Service of the United States for two months in the fore part of the year 1776 in the County of Fluvanna State of Virginia under Captain Knapper in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cavil [sic, probably Cabell], joined the Regiment at Richmond in the State of Virginia, marched from thence to a place called the Morbly Hills [Malvern Hills], from the Hills to Williamsburg in the State of Virginia, and after serving two months was discharged at that place,

That he also was drafted into the service of the United States for two months, in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia, in the year 1781 under a Captain whose name he does not now recollect, nor does he recollect the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, marched from Albemarle Court-House up towards Hanover and Staunton and through the upper Country of the State of Virginia until his two months time had expired, after which he was discharged from the Service, the Army at that time in which he served was principally Commanded by the Marquis de Lafayette and General Nelson [Thomas Nelson].

That he also was drafted into the Service of the United States for two months, and at that time he resided in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia, in the year 1781, under a Captain whose name he does not recollect, or the name of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, marched in various directions through the State of Virginia in the Army commanded by the Marquis de Lafayette a part of the time he with others was collecting Cattle for the Army, the Army at that time was commanded by the Marquis de Lafayette and General Nelson, and after serving two months was discharged from the service, making in all six months which he served in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War And that he has no documentary

evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service as a Soldier of the Revolution,

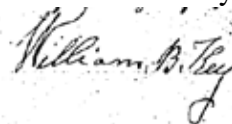
Answers to the questions asked by the Court.

He says that he was born in Fluvanna County State of Virginia on the 2nd day of October in the year 1759, – That he has a record of his Age, now in his possession, That he lived in the County of Fluvanna State of Virginia when he was first called into the service during the Revolutionary War, and that he lived in the County of Albemarle in the state last aforesaid when called the two last tours into the service before mentioned, that he lived since the Revolutionary War in the County Albemarle about two years, then removed to the State of Georgia Elbert County where he has been living ever since and now resides there; He says that he was drafted for two months, three times into the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War.

He says that he served with the following regular officers to wit Marquis De Lafayette, General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], and Baron Steuben, and with the Militia Regiments at that time commanded by General Nelson, Says that he received no written discharge, only received Verbal discharges or disbandment from the Army, after the expiration for which he was drafted for. The names of persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood, and who can testify to my Character for Veracity, and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution are, General Jephtha V. Harris, the Honorable Wiley Thompson a member of the Congress of the United States, Dionysius Oliver Esquire, James Oliver Esquire, George Cook Esquire and Simeon Henderson &c

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.

S/ William B. Key



[Thomas Hearn, a clergyman, and Henry E Nash gave the standard supporting affidavit.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]