

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Keith S36672

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Sct:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned one of the Circuit Judges for the Comm'th afores'd, Alexander Keith and made oath that he entered the service of the United States as an enlisted soldier in the Revolutionary War about the commencement thereof He entered Captain Alexanders [Morgan Alexander VAS2203] company, Colo. Spottswoods [Alexander Spotswood R18089] Regiment, and [serv]ed one year, at the end of which he enlisted in Captain Calmes [Marquis Calmes S12674] Company for three years in the same Regiment, which time he served and then still continued to serve until the close of the war and was honorably discharged by Gen'l. Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] at Winchester and that he now has no other evidence in his power of his said service save the testimony of Marquis Calmes. That he has always been a Citizen of the United States that he is 72 years of age and infirm. that he is poor and needs the assistance of his government which he hopes to obtain That he now resides in Scott County state of Kentucky and has resided here upwards of 25 years — witness my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1818

Benj. Johnson/ Circuit Judge

State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct

This day Marquis Calmes made oath before me Porter Clay a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid; that Alexander Keith in the fall of the year 1775 enlisted in the Company of Morgan Alexander then a Captain in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Virginia on Continental establishment, that s'd Keith served out the time of his enlistment, which was for the term of one year; and again enlisted & afterwards served in the Company commanded by s'd Calmes in the aforesaid Regiment – during the War.

Given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818.

State of Indiana } Ss. Orange Circuit Court.

Orange County } Second Judicial Circuit. Oct. Term 1820

On this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for said County the laws of which state having thus Declared the same a court of record Alexander Keith aged seventy years resident in said County who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. in the second Virginia Regiment commanded by Alexander Spotswood, in the company under the command of Morgan Alexander for the term of one year and that he enlisted under Marquis Kalameze and served for the term of three years. that he has been entered on the pension roll of the Kentucky agency and that the number of the certificate is eleven thousand, one hundred and sixteen.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. that I follow the occupation of a farmer. that I am unable to work more than one day in a week. that I am very infirm and decrepid, that my family consists of six in number, James Keith of the age of seventeen years who is able to work Polly Keith of the age of twenty three years. that she is very sickly and unable to work. Nancy Keith of the age nineteen years, that she is able to work Susannah Keith of the age of thirteen years, that

she is not healthy being unable to work, Phebe Keith my wife of the age of fifty five years, that she is unable to work being infirm. That hereunto is annexed every article of my property necessary clothing and bedding excepted.

A bill of Property Value'd for and by Alexander Keath agreeable to the Pension law and his Just debts in order to ascertain What he is worth

To 3 head of Cattel at . . . . . \$20.0 Cent  
To 1 horse beast at . . . . . 20.0  
To 1 Cubbard at . . . . . 10.0  
To 1 Chest at . . . . . 2.50  
To 1 bocks at . . . . . 1.0  
To 1 Thable at . . . . . 1.66½  
To 1 Wheal and 1 real at . . . . . 2.0  
To 4 Chears . . . . . 1.40  
To Plats nives and forks . . . . . 3.0  
To 1 pot and oven . . . . . 2.50  
To 1 plow and two hous 1 acks . . . . . 2.50  
To Warter Vessels 1 fire Shovel . . . . . 2.0  
To 1 Sattel and bridel . . . . . 2.0  
70.66½

To sundry debts due from me to different persons for meat and provisions \$78.12½

Alexander Keith

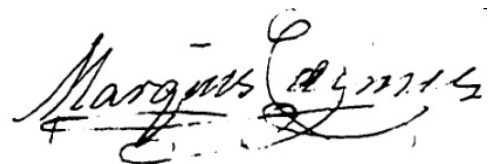
[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Alexander Keith of the County of Scott & State of Kentucky do on oath declare, that I enlisted in the second Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war & at the commencement of it, to serve for one year, that when the said one year had expired, I again enlisted to serve during the war – that when I enlisted the Company was commanded by Capt. Morgan Alexander, afterward by Capt. Marquis Calames, & after him by [illegible word] Catlett [Thomas Catlett VAS2933] who commanded it to the close of the war, that soon after Capt. Catlett took the command of the Company I was made a Corporal in the said Company – that after serving one year as a Corporal, I was made a Seargent in the same Company, & continued to serve as such to the close of the war, when I was honorably discharged by [illegible] Muhlenburgh – which discharge I have lost & cannot now find it. And I do further declare that I did serve in the said Virginia Continental line seven years, & that I have never received my bounty land warrant, nor sold or disposed of my bounty land claim in any [undeciphered word] whatever.

Alexander hisXmark Keith [17 June 1818]

I Marquis Calmes of the County of Woodford & State of Kentucky do certify that I was a Captain in the second Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war – that Alexander Keith was a Soldier belonging to my company & that he the said Keith elisted to serve during the war – that I resigned my Commission & left the service in the year 1779 at which time I left the said Keith in the said Company – that I have understood that said Keith did serve to the close of the war & at which time he was discharged and that the Alexander Keith who makes this application for his Bounty land warrant is the person who rendered the service aforesaid

[9 Sep 1818]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marquis Calmes" with a date "1818" written below it. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: Alexander Keeth, age 27, height 5' 8½", brown hair, gray eyes, dark complexion, born and residing in Frederick County, enlisted for duration of the war.

A document in the pension file states that Keith died on 14 May 1828.