

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Keen S37127

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### Original Claim

State of Kentucky Sct.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1823 Personally appeared in Open Court (it being a Court of record) for the circuit and County of Campbell and State aforesaid John King aged 63 years and a resident in the aforesaid County of Campbell, who being 1<sup>st</sup> duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said John Keen enlisted for the term of duration of the War on the \_\_\_ day of in the year 1780 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain William Gunn [sic, James Gunn]<sup>2</sup> in the Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_\_ White [Anthony Walton White]<sup>3</sup> in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the War when he was discharge from the said service in Richmond in the State of Virginia. That he was in the Battle of Brown's defeat<sup>4</sup> four miles from Savannah and at Sager's defeat at the mouth of widow Gibbon's Lane and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit of John Montague and John Deicker.<sup>5</sup> And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 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 persons 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 me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. One mare and colt, two cows, and three calves, 18 sheep and 20 hogs, that the only member of his family except himself is his wife who is about 60 years old and infirm and unable to contribute but little to his support.

S/ John Keen, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1823 before

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<sup>1</sup> As posted on Fold3.com, this file has been erroneously posted as the last 10 pages of the file for [John Keen \(Keen\) W7959](#)

<sup>2</sup> [James Gunn \(Gunn\) BLWt659-300](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Anthony Walton White W6477](#)

<sup>4</sup> Possibly a reference to the action on May 20, 1782. See, <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ogeecheefy.htm>

<sup>5</sup> These affidavits are not among the documents in this file.

S/ John Trimble, Judge 2<sup>nd</sup> District State of Kentucky

To the Honorable the Secretary of War

Sir

Since the foregoing declaration was made in open Court and after the expiration of the Term the within named John Keen informed me that the Captain in whose company he enlisted was of the name of James Gunn and not William Gunn as stated in the declaration. That the mistake was made by the draftsman who drew the declaration & in consequence of his being hard of hearing the mistake was not noticed by him when it was read to him & that when he swore to the truth of the declaration he believed that his Captain's name was correctly stated. This statement may give a clue by which the name of Mr. Keen may be found on the rolls in the war office.

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1823

S/ John Trimble

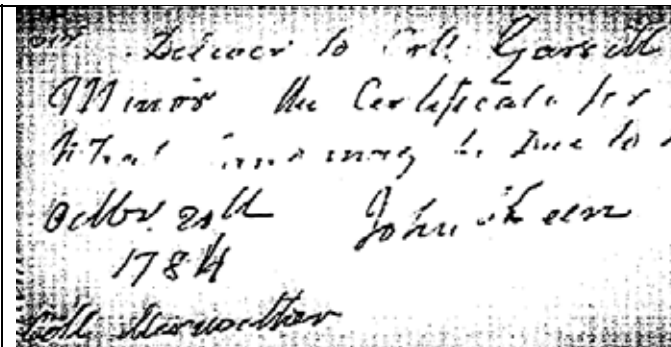
Judge 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District State of Kentucky

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 27, 1823 for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2-page file but images posted are very poor. See below

	<p>Permission is given John Keen soldier [?] in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Virginia Dragoons to pass through .....unmolested.....  Halifax 25<sup>th</sup> [?] May 1783 [?]  ---[illegible]  Leigt.  John Perry Cornet [?]  1<sup>st</sup> R. L. D. [Regt. Light Dragoons]</p> <p>A Copy S/ Randolph</p>
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Sir  
Deliver to Col<sup>o</sup>. Garrett Minor<sup>6</sup> the Certificate for ? land bounty Due to me  
Octbr. 20<sup>th</sup> 1784  
S/ John Keen  
Coll. Meriweather



<sup>6</sup> Lt. Col. Garrett Minor was an officer in the Louisa County, VA militia.