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Pension Application of Thomas Keates S38109

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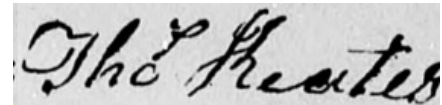
The State of Alabama } Circuit Court
Tuskaloosa [sic] County } October Term 1826

On this eighteenth day of October 1826 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record of general common law jurisdiction Thomas Keates resident in said County aged Seventy years, who being first 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 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Thomas Keates enlisted for the term of three years on the 28th day of January in the year 1778 in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Captain Odum [sic: Edward Oldham] in the fourth Maryland Regiment commanded by Colonel Smith [Samuel Smith, pension application W9303] in the line of the State of Maryland on the Continental establishmentary[?], that he continued to serve in the said corps until sometime in the year 1781 when he was discharged from the service in [blank] in the State of North Carolina, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of Maryland and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that is he did not know the provisions of the sevreal laws on the subject and the method of obtaining it until it was communicated by Col [John] McKee our present representative in Congress, and in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 to wit One horse, two Cows & Calves two yearling and nine head of Hogs.

That since the 18th of March 1818 no other changes have been made in my property but for [undeciphered word] and other support of my family which consists of my Wife Martha aged 68 years my daughter Nancy aged 18 years and my daughter Martha aged 16 years my occupation is that of a farmer, but from age and infirmities unable to labour, my wife is in the same situation, my daughters are active and healthy and all of us together are unable to get our support without the assistance of my Country, but for the present it is effected by the labour of a negro fellow furnished by my friends. The value of the before mentioned property is about as follows

The Horse about. \$15
The two Cows. . . . 20
2 Yearlings. 10
9 head of hogs. . . 25
 \$70

Sworn to and declared on the eighteenth day of October 1826.



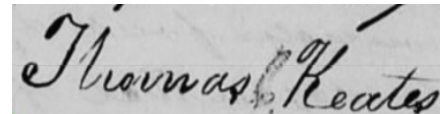
Auditor's Office, Annapolis, Jan'y. 17th 1827

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Thomas Keatts enlisted as a Private in the Fourth Maryland Regiment, on the Twenty eighth day of January 1778 and was on the 1st of November 1780 Present [see endnote].

Thos. Karney Auditor General, State of Maryland

N.B. Promoted to the Rank of Corporal on the 1st February 1780 and Sergeant 1st March 1780. T.K.

Sir [Lewis C. Suggett] in looking over the Baptist banner and pioneer [sic: Baptist Banner and Western Pioneer] in the month of May 1839 I saw your name inserted, that is to say, to befriend the old Revolutioners, sir I am one of that corrector, in which served five years and received no pay in which the documents at the Board of War will show that I listed in January 1778 in the fourth Maryland Reg't Commanded General [William] Smallwood and Samuel Smith Colonel. mustered in Capt Odem's Company. I received a Certificate from the Board of War department but no pay. in the year 182[last digit unclear] which signified the time that I enlisted and the time I was promoted Colonel and the latter end of the month sergeant and the applicant received no pay. and I expect that the original of the Certificate remains in the office, that when I listed in the army they told me that I was to receive a bounty of land but I have never received it. I never received but one suit of clothes I have been in many a bloody battle, and wounded four different times in battle. I was in that glorious battle at Toney point, in the command of General Wayne [sic: Battle of Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779 under Gen. Anthony Wayne]. I could state many more battles that I was in at the south, where I got my discharge but no pay, but I will assure you that I have fulfilled my contract with the United States, there I think that the government ought to comply with their promise. the government give me a pension in 1826 at 8 dollars per month. I am an old man between the age of 80 or 90 and have a large family to maintain and not able to labor. Colonel King Sieneghter [William Rufus DeVane King, US Senator] of the Ala state has told me that I am entitled to five years half pay with interest. I sight you to Mr King he is a little acquainted with me, I live in Tuscaloosa Co Ala near new Lexington about 20 miles from Tus. town if you should want any communication with me to refer to write to me as soon as you receive these lines whether you prosper in my business or not with your charges with respect.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Keates". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTE: The notation "on the 1st of November 1780 Present" usually indicates that the soldier had been at the Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 and rendezvoused at Hillsborough NC.