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Pension Application of Henry Key S38116

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Albemarle County State of Virginia to wit

On the 7th day of December 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County Henry Key aged sixty one years last February resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit, In the year 1780 he entered the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Arthur Campbell [sic: Richard Campbell] was Marched to the company of Capt. John Marx [sic: John Marks] that on the 13th March 1781 he joined General Greens division [sic: Nathanael Greene's Southern Department] in North Carolina that he was engaged in the battle of Guilford Courthouse some few days afterward [15 Mar 1781], continued with the southern army under the command of General Green thencforward untill that army was disbanded in December 1781. was at the battle of Cambden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] – at the seige of ninety six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] – at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] where his Colonel was killed. I do 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 person 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 bay horse and my wearing apparel one saddle & bridle I was by occupation a planter till ill health and bodily infirmity rendered me incapable of labour: that I am now greatly afflicted by an injury sustained in my ancle during the late war [of 1812], while attached to the army commanded by General Jackson. that I have at all times of my life felt and manifested a readiness to obey the summons of my Country [illegible word] its aid and defence, and am now in old age dependant upon the bounty of private friends, without any other home than their charity affords me

Henry Key

[Edward Hughes, pension application S5574, deposed that he had served in the same company with Key.]

NOTES:

On 3 Oct 1825 Key made a declaration identical to the above except that it corrects the spelling of officers' names and states that he was dependent on family and friends for support.

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Henry Key/ age 17/ height 5' 8"/ farmer/ born and residing in Albemarle County/ black hair/ blue eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 18 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of the estate of Henry Key received the final pension payment up to the date of death on 22 Feb 1836.