

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Keger (Keyer, Geyer, Guyer)¹ S38118

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Virginia

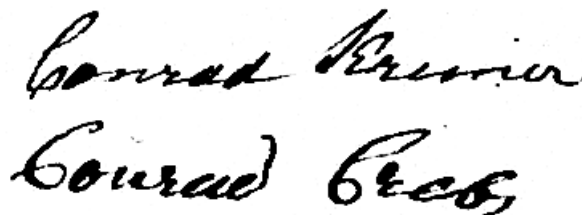
I Hugh Holmes a Judge of the General Court of Virginia and of the 9th Judicial Circuit residing in the Town of Winchester do hereby certify that John Keger an Inhabitant of said Town personally appeared before me and declared on oath that he belonged to the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War that in the spring of 1782 he enlisted in Captain Bassons [probably a mistaken attempt to name Capt. Augustine Briffault or Brissault] Company in Armong's [Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouerie] Corps or Regiment Continental line and served during the remainder of the War more than nine months and sold his discharge and that he is now in reduced & needy circumstances and produced the Affidavit of Conrad Keemer and Conrad Crips proving his enlistment & service from which testimony I am satisfied that the said John Keger served during the Revolutionary War against the Common Enemy & I know that he is in reduced & needy circumstances – Certified under my hand (there being no seal belonging to the Superior Courts of Law in Virginia) this 4th day of April 1818

S/ H. Holmes

Virginia

Conrad Kramer [signature looks more like "Conrad Kremier"] & Conrad Creps [signature looks more like "Conrad Crebs"] personally appeared before me Hugh Holmes a Judge of the General Court of the State aforesaid and made oath that they are well acquainted with John Keger an applicant for a pension under the late Law of Congress and know that he enlisted in Armong's Corps in the spring of 1782 and served until the conclusion of the Revolutionary War that is more than 9 months the affiant Kremier hath seen said Keger's discharge, which he sold.

Sworn to before me this 4th April 1818



Conrad Kremier
Conrad Creps

S/ H. Holmes

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Virginia, SS

On this 4th day of April 1818, before me, one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia personally appears John Keger aged 56 years, resident in Winchester in the said State who being by me first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" that he the said John Keger enlisted in the spring of 1782 in the state of Virginia at Winchester in the company commanded by Captain Barron Armongs Corps of the Continental line; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the end of the war & more than 9 months, when he was discharged from service in Little York state of Pennsylvania, that he was in the battles of Siege of York. And that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the enclosed affidavits. Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ H. Holmes

[Attested by Holmes August 12, 1818]

At a Court held for the Corporation of Winchester the 1st day of September 1820

On this first day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said Corporation, John Keger aged fifty-seven years, resident in the said Corporation of Winchester, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in the Corps of Colonel Armand in the Virginia line, and that he hath received a certificate for a pension No. 7185. And 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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, of any part or kind, nor have I any income whatever, other than my pension from the United States.

I have no occupation, but a laborer, and am now disabled in one of my shoulders, which were rendered me, measurably, incapable of work. I have no family.

S/ John Keyer, X his mark

State of Virginia County of Frederick: Sct.

I John Guyer do upon oath declare and testify, that, to the best of my remembrance, I enlisted in Winchester Virginia for "during the War" and served in the Regiment called Armand's Regiment, under the command of Colonel Armand of the Continental line, and continued in the service until the close of the Revolution. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I transferred my claim to it in any manner whatsoever. Therefore know all men by these presents, That I John Guyer aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint Vaspasian Ellis of Accomack County Virginia to be my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a warrant for the quantity of land due to me as aforesaid; and my said Attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitutes or attorneys under him for the special purposes above expressed. Witness my

hand and seal this 24th day of September 1833

S/ John Guyer, X his mark

State of Virginia County of Frederick: to wit:

John Guyer this day personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said County of Frederick and made oath that he is a pensioner of the United States under the act of Congress passed in the year 1818. That he received his pension at the Branch of the Farmers Bank of Virginia in Winchester – from the US Branch Bank at Richmond. That he made his declaration in 1818 and commenced drawing his pension in 1819 or about that time. That his Captain in the revolution was named Parran – a Dutchman – his adjutant was named Swazts [Godfried Swartz]. That he enlisted for and served until the conclusion of the Revolutionary War. That Armand was his Colonel. That Shaufuer [perhaps George Schaffner] – a Frenchman, was his Lieutenant. –

I also certify that the said John Guyer is entitled to full credit. Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of December 1833

S/Abraham Miller

State of Virginia County of Frederick: to wit

Conrad Kramer this day personally appeared before the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for the said County of Frederick, and made oath that to the best of his knowledge and belief – the statements in the above affidavit of John Guyer are true and that he is the identical John Guyer who served in Armand's Regiment in the revolutionary War: and that he is the identical John Guyer who now receives a pension in this town from the US for the said services in the Revolution: That the said John Guyer lived with him the said Kramer before he enlisted,, then with Conrad, a tanner in this town – and was frequently at his said Kramer's house until he, said Guyer enlisted: That he saw said Guyer after he enlisted among the soldiers – that they were encamped near his, said Kramer's house: That he was well acquainted with said Lieutenant Shaufner who was here when said Guyer enlisted. That he knows said Guyer was in Armand's Regiment. That he saw said Guyer's discharge after his return from service when the war had ended.

I also certify that the said comrade Kramer is entitled to full credit. Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of December 1833

S/Abraham Miller

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 4, 1818, for service as a private for one-year in the "Congress Regiment" as a private under Colonel Armand]