

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Kea S39039

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Surry County to wit December 2, 1808

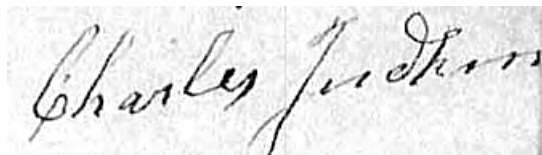
This day personally appeared before me Archibald Cocke a Justice of the peace for said County, the Bearer, who calls himself Charles Kea and saith that he served as a Regular Soldier in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War during which service he became disabled to perform the duties of a Soldier, and was on that account discharged. And being advised that he is entitled to a pension on proving himself to have been disabled whilst in said Service – Introduced Charles Judkins of the said County and Jesse Browne and requested their affidavits prove his enlistment in the Army as above stated.

Charles Judkins maketh oath that he was well acquainted with the above mentioned Charles Kea at the time of his entering the Army of the United States in the revolutionary War, and believed him to be at that time a sound and healthy Man, and is fully satisfied of the identity of the person now present.

Sworn to before me the date above

S/ Archibald Cocke, JP

S/ Charles Judkins

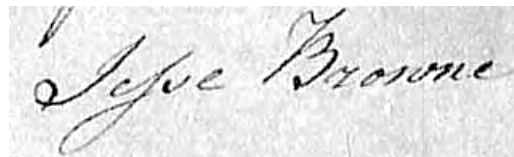


Jesse Browne maketh oath that he was well acquainted with the above mentioned Charles Kea at the time of his entering the Army of the United States in the revolutionary War and believe him to be at that time a sound and healthy Man, and is perfectly satisfied of the identity of the person now present.

Sworn to before me the date above.

S/ Archibald Cocke, JP

S/ Jesse Browne



South Carolina Chester District: Be it remembered that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1808 John Kea of said District personally came before me the Subscribing Justice and made oath, that Charles Kea of the State and District aforesaid was in the Service of the United States of

America in the last war, under the command of Captain John Watkins Junior of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line Commanded by Colonel Stephens [Robert Stevens], in the time of said service he was taken with a fever, which sometime after, fell into one of his legs which was supposed to be the Effects of the fatigue & hardship he underwent in time of said service, and it appears that by fever & Payne that still continues at times in his leg ever since he left the Army, that he is in all probability likely to be rendered unable to make a livelihood for himself & Family –

Sworn to and subscribed the day above written Before  
S/ Geo. Gill, JQ S/ John Kea, X his mark I

State of South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared Thomas White (Miller) of the district aforesaid before me George Gill a Justice of the Quorum for the district aforesaid & being duly sworn on his oath saith that he has been acquainted with the bearer Charles Kea for about the term of ten or eleven years & that he was in his employ about that time ago & appeared to be a very Industrious Man; But that he then had a very sore leg & which he believes has continued ever since, & which very much unfitted him for Business & to gain his livelihood by labor for himself & family as he might otherwise do: and that he believes he has no other means of support.

Sworn to & subscribed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1808  
S/ Geo. Gill, JQ S/ Thos. White

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State of South Carolina and Chester District

Personally appeared Charles Kea and being duly sworn on his oath saith, that he enlisted between the first & the 10<sup>th</sup> of March in the year American Independence was proclaimed in the Continental Service of the United States in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia Line, commanded by Colonel Stephens [Edward Stevens] that at that time he resided in Surry County in said State of Virginia, where he was born & raised, was enlisted by William Hamlin or Hambleton first Lieutenant in Captain John Watkins Junior Company in said Regiment. That he remained in the said Company & Regiment for about the term of 18 months; but having been taken sick with others had a furlough to go home, when the Company & Regiment was marched to the Northward. That he was then ordered to meet at Williamsburg where he attended, and on account of the fever having fallen into his Leg which rendered him unfit for service, was discharged by Colonel David Mayson [David Mason], in the latter end of August 1777 – which Leg has continued sore ever since, except that at times it will heal up and then breakout again, and has now become so invtred [sic?]<sup>1</sup> as he believes never to be healed from which, & his old age (being now in his sixty ninth year) & Extreme poverty & Reduced circumstances in life, has the utmost need of assistance from his Country for support.

And the deponent further saith that he gave his said discharge to Benjamin Putney a Representative from Surry County to the Virginia Legislator [sic, legislature], to endeavor to get him a Pension that he shortly after moved to the State of North Carolina & then to South Carolina Chester district where he now resides; and that he never received any pension (if it was allowed him) nor he supposes will be possible to recover his discharge as he is not able to ride

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<sup>1</sup> *invitred*

that distance. And that Charles Judkins who has sworn to the identity of his person in December 1808 before Colonel Archibald Cocke, was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in said Captain Watkins Company in which he the deponent served.

Sworn to before made this 16 July 1818

S/ Langdon Cheves

One of the Associate Justices of the Court  
of Common Pleas of State of South Carolina

S/ Charles Kea, X his mark

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Schedule State of South Carolina Chester District

On this thirteenth day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being the court of Common Pleas (a court of record for the said District) Charles Kea aged seventy-one years Resident in South Carolina in said District upwards of twenty-one years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, viz., In the fourth Regiment Virginia line under Colonel Stephens in Captain John Wilkins Company during eight months and became an invalid and has been such ever since and never was discharged until the expiration of 18 months by Colonel David Mason and he has received a pension and the number of the pension Certificate 7277 in the original application was on or about the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1818.

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 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 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

Schedule of property	\$ Ct
1 Shot Gun	14
1 Tin Bucket	1
1 Small Tin Trunk	.50
2 Raison	.43.9
2 Knives at 25 cts each	.50
1 Bridle	.50
1 Sursingle [?]	.50
1 Flour Barrel & flour	2
3 Peeks of Salt	1
1 Axe	1.50
1 Shovel Mold	.75
1 Pair of old drawing Chains	.50
2 Old Bells	.50
½ lb of Steel	12.5
14 lb of Tobacco at 12 ½ Cents pr pound	1.75
500 lb of Fodder	2.30
1 Claw Hammer	.50
1 Black Bottle	12.5

About 30 Bushells Corn @ 50 Cts p bushel	15
Do 150 lb of Cotton in the Seed @ \$4 p Hundred	6
An Account due me	2.75
Total	\$52.43.9

And that his occupation is that of a Farmer and that he is not able to pursue it being old & has a Sore leg which makes him lame and was discharged from the United States service on account of his being thereby disabled in the Revolutionary War his family residing with him consist of none but himself and his daughter and grandson his daughter is about five and twenty his Grandson is about twelve years of age and none but his Daughter is able to support themselves.

Sworn to and declared on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820

S/ David Johnson, Associate Judge

S/ Charles Kea, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 16, 1818, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]