

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Kesterson S4467

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State of Tennessee }

Greene County }

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared before me Hugh D Hale one of Acting Justices of the peace for said County aforesaid John Kesterson aged seventy three years and resident in the County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in Order to Obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit being a resident citizen of the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia on and prior to the year 1781 he enlisted into the army of the revolution at Stafford old Court house on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1781 under Lieutenant Starks and marched to Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] and was mustered into service under Colo Tolles [probably Oliver Towles] and Major John Willis that he served under Tolles for a short time and was transfered under the command of Colo [Thomas] Gaskins & was commanded by General Steuben – we were sometime at point of fork and Steuben marched us from there when the British came in sight of that [at the confluence of James and Rivanna rivers, 6 Jun 1781] from thence we marched to Staunton River and by Express was marched back to Richmond and down James River to Old James Town at Richmond I was placed under the command of Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne and we had a fight with the British at James Town where we got whip'd [Battle of Green Springs Planatation, 6 Jul 1781]. from thence we marched to little york and remained there untill Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781]. I then procured a furlow from the phisician attending our regiment, in consequence of the ague which I then had. I went home and staid at home 3 or 4 months I then rejoined the army at Cumberland Court house under General Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and remained at that place untill I was discharged on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 1782 That he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any officer by which he can establish his servise but can establish the same by the testimony of several other persons now residing in this neighbourhood. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state nor is there any resident minister of the gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the Secretary of War in his Instructions nor is he able to attend court [signed] John Kesterson Sener  
[Certified by William Kesterson and others.]

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on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County John Kesterson and in explanation & amendment of his declaration in the particulars specified in the foregoing brief, made oath that he was born in the County of Fauquier state of Virginia as stated in his declaration, that he has no record evidence of his age.

He further states that he served in the war of the Revolution & in the service set forth in his declaration the term of eighteen months, for which term of time he claims a pension, the whole of Eighteen months he served as a private – [signed] John Kesterson Sener

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: John Kisterson, age 16, height 5' 8", light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, farmer, residing in Fauquier County where he enlisted as a substitute for 18 months on 21 March 1781.