

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Keneda S4468

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State of Tennessee Williamson County: February term of the Circuit Court held for Williamson County Tennessee at Franklin 1833

On this 13th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before Thomas Stuart Judge of the Circuit Court of Williamson County now sitting at Franklin William Keneda a resident of said County aged 77 years and ten months who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of an act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 that he entered the service of the US under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was born in Culpepper County Virginia in the year 1755 where he lived until the after [sic] the revolution. He entered into Captain Lewis Yancy's Company, being drafted or by lot according to division in the year 1780. He was marched from Culpeper under Captain Yancey from a Ford of the Rappahannock River towards Fredericksburg but before he got there orders were received that this company was not wanted whereupon he was marched back and discharged for serving a tour of two months. He does not recollect the time of year in which this his first tour was served but thinks it was in the winter of 1780. He next entered in the year 1781 into Captain Robert Pollard's company in which Carley Barnes was orderly Sergeant this company was attached to Colonel James Slaughter's Regiment. He was marched from Culpeper court house by Colonel James Slaughter down through Fredericksburg crossing James River Sandy Point, then down south of James River on black waters. Here in consequence of the superior forces of the British his Colonel halted, and He and his men were pursued by the British to Pettersburgh [Petersburg] where his Colonel's halted and engaged with the enemy [April 25, 1781]. This was the first battle this declarant was in. After sustaining the fire of the enemy for an hour or 2, he was retreated to Richmond where he joined Lafayette. He was marched down on the North side of James River 8 or nine miles below Richmond under Lafayette where the Americans encamped. While here this declarant with a picquet [picket] guard of about 120 men under Joseph James of Fauquier County Virginia, was sent to Chesterfield on an expedition against a parcel of British and in an engagement while on this route, this declarant with about 60 other man were taken prisoner and sent to Norfolk where he remained four months and ten days. He at the time he was taken prisoner had served two months, lacking one day. He was taken prisoner in May 1781 and liberated in the latter part of September of the same year. He states 8 months and 10 days service. He never got any discharge. He recollects no other officers. He has a record of his age in his possession taken from his mother's family Bible. He states Eleazer Hardemon, Peter Burton and Andrew Craig who can certify to my character for veracity and to

their belief of his having served in the revolution. He knows of no person who can prove his service as stated. He has no documentary evidence. He left Virginia in 1786 and settled in Lincoln County North Carolina where staying until 1818 he moved to Williamson County Tennessee where he now lives and has been living ever since.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 13th February 1833

S/ Preston Hay, Clerk

S/ William Keneda, X his mark

[Andrew Craig, a clergyman, and Peter Burton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months & 10 days in the Virginia militia.]