

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Simon Keel <sup>1</sup> W10164

Penelope Keel

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State of North Carolina, Pitt County: SS

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Order Sessions for the State & County aforesaid now sitting Simon Keel a resident of Pitt County aged sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born in Pitt County and State aforesaid the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1763 which he has a record of, and that he has always resided in this County & State. That he enlisted in the State Regiment of North Carolina under the command of Colonel John P. Williams [John Pugh Williams] and belonged to a company of Calvary commanded by Captain Folkner [George Faulkner] some time in 1778. That he continued to serve in said Regiment five months and until he was discharged at Black Swamp near Savannah River in South Carolina some time in 1779. That he received a written discharge but has lost it. That he was in one engagement in the State of Georgia during the time at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779].<sup>2</sup> That after the time mentioned he was again enlisted during the year 1779 [sic, probably 1780 based on events described by the applicant] and served under Col. Richard Caswell in Captain Austin Spain's [Augustin Spain's] Company and served three months and was discharged by Captain Spain and has lost this discharge also, at this time he traveled in the South Carolina to Camden and was in an engagement against Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780].<sup>3</sup> That he entered the service again in 1780 or 1781 for three months in Captain Kennedy's [John Kennedy's] Company under the command of General Eaton [Thomas Eaton], and traveled into the western part of this State and was in an engagement at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781]<sup>4</sup> and was afterwards discharged or dismissed. That he was acquainted with Major Blount [probably Reading Blount]: That when under in Captain Folkner's Company he was a substitute. That he has no documentary evidence of his services, and knows no person whose served in the first tour except Moses Highsmith<sup>5</sup> and in the second Arthur Whitehurst<sup>6</sup> and in the third Reuben Gurganus<sup>7</sup> whose testimony he here gives. That 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

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt71018-160-55

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

<sup>5</sup> [Moses Highsmith W7752](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Arthur Whitehurst S7878](#)

<sup>7</sup> [Reuben Gurganus S8638](#)

any Agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed to the year and date above written.

S/ R. S. Blount, D.C.

S/ Simon Keel, X his mark

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I Moses Highsmith of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Simon Keel whose declaration is hereto prefixed, that I served in the same Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Williams & know that he served for five months in Captain Folkner's Company. That I believe him to be 69 years of age. That he has resided in the County ever since the war and that he is a man of veracity.

Sworn to in open Court the day and date above written.

S/ R. S. Blount, D. C.

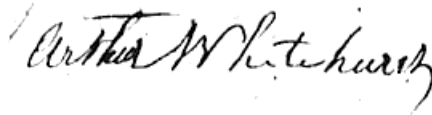
S/ Moses Highsmith, X his mark

I Arthur Whitehurst of the County of Pitt & State of North Carolina do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Simon Keel whose declaration is here prefixed, that I served in the same Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Caswell and know that he served about three months in the Cavalry Company commanded by Captain Spain. That he has resided in said County ever since the War and that I believe him to be a man of veracity.

Sworn to the date and year above written.

S/ R. S. Blount, D. C.

S/ Arthur Whitehurst



I Reuben Gurganus of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Simon Keel whose name is prefixed to the above declaration. That he served in the Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Eaton three months. That I believe him to be 69 years of age, That he has resided in the County ever since the War, & That I believe him to be a man of veracity.

Sworn to the day and year above written.

S/ R. S. Blount, D. C.

S/ Reubin Gurganus, X his mark

[p 15: William Clark, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 6: State of North Carolina, Pitt County, June 30, 1857, Penelope Keel, 74, widow of Simon Keel filed for a land bounty stating that she married Simon on June 25, 1813; that they were married by one Wilks Brooks, JP; that her maiden name was Penelope James; that her husband died at home in Pitt County, NC on May 4, 1842. He signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: John H. Buck and Wedigan Moore gave an affidavit in support of the widow's bounty land claim.]

John H. Buck  
Wedigant Moore ]

[p 17: A certified copy of a marriage bond dated June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1819 issued in Pitt County North Carolina to Simon Keel and Benjamin Keel conditioned upon the marriage of Simon Keel to Penelope James of said County.]

[p 20: On April 29, 1857 in Pitt County North Carolina the widow, 74, applied for a pension benefit under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Simon Keel a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Pitt County in June 1819. She signed her application with her mark.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40.83 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia in both the Infantry & Cavalry for 11 months. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]