

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Keith (Keeth) ¹ W11478

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District of Georgia SS Putnam County in the Superior Court held in & for said County being a Court of record by the Constitution & Laws of said State of the twenty-third day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for the said district John Keith aged Sixty Eight years resident in Putnam County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: he enlisted a private for Eighteen months in the State of South Carolina in Captain Mazicks [sic, probably Daniel Mazyck's] Company Colonel Frank Marion's [sic, Francis Marion's] Regiment in the year 1779 & continued in service until the Siege of Charleston South Carolina in 1780³ when he was taken prisoner [Benjamin Lincoln surrendered the patriot forces at Charleston to the British on May 12, 1780] by the British and detained 14 months & being exchanged he voluntarily joined Colonel Parker's [?] Regiment of militia from Virginia & continued in said service until the surrender of Cornwallis at York town in the year 1781 [October 19, 1781]⁴ & was at that place slightly wounded and made an original declaration⁵ of his said services to the general government claiming a pension in the spring of the year 1818 which has been returned being informal and he has never received any pension from his government for his revolutionary Services 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 nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and is possessed of 17 hogs of the value of \$44 forty pounds of bacon of the value of \$5.50 and no other estate real or personal (necessary clothing & bedding excepted) has heretofore followed shoe making, for several years being unable to do any harder work and from his age and infirmity is now unable to support himself

¹ BLWt17892-160-55

² former widow

³ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

⁴ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810928-yorktown/>

⁵ There is no such application among the papers in this file.

and that or any other way by his labor has a wife Nancy Keith who is about fifty-five years old & very infirm & unable to obtain a subsistence by labor and only one child a son named Memberance [?] Keith nine years old who composed the whole of his family and this is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country.

Sworn to and declared on this 23rd day of August A.D. 1820 and subscribed before me in open Court.

S/ CB Strong, Judge

S/ John Keith, J his mark

A list of John Keith property appraised by Spicer Maddox & Grovey Cole

17 Head of Hogs valued at

\$44.00

40 lbs of Bacon

5.50

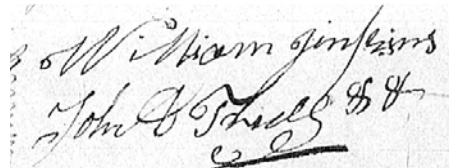
\$49.50

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District of Georgia SS Wilkinson County, in the Superior Court held in and for said County; being a Court of record, by the Constitution and laws of said state, on this 11th day of October in the year of our Lord 1823, personally appeared in open Court William Jinkins and John A. Trull (said court being a court of record for said District) and half of whom being duly sworn, do on their oath's say that they were acquainted with John Keith, now of Putnam County in said District of Georgia, in the time of the Revolutionary war; and that said John Keith entered in the state of South Carolina, on the Continental establishment, in Captain Mazeck's Company in Colonel Frank Marion's Regiment the said Regiment being the 2nd Regiment of the United States Infantry raised in South Carolina and that he the said John Keith served 9 months in said Corps in continuance. Sworn to and subscribed in open court on the day and year above written.

S/ William Jinkins⁶

S/ John A. Trull

Handwritten signatures of William Jinkins and John A. Trull. The signature of William Jinkins is written in cursive and is the top signature. Below it is the signature of John A. Trull, also in cursive. There are some initials and a flourish below the second signature.

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Original Claim

Georgia, Baldwin County

On this tenth day of November 1823 personally appeared in open court (the Inferior Court for the County of Baldwin, being made a court of record by the laws of this State) John Keith, resident in the County of Putnam & State aforesaid, aged seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820; that he the said John Keith enlisted for the term of eighteen months, in February 1779, in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Mazick [sic], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Marion, in the line of the State of the South Carolina on the Continental establishment (that he enlisted in the State of South Carolina); that he continued to serve in said Corps until May 1780, when he was made a prisoner: that in July 1781 he obtained his liberty &

⁶ This MIGHT be the same man as [William Jenkins S38080](#) who claim to have served in the South Carolina Continental line although not in the same Regiment with the veteran.

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I Certify that John Keith was a Private Soldier in my Company
and Served his time faithfully in the defence of his Country,
he is entitled oh 200 acres
of Bounty Land.

S/ Dl. Mazyck, Capt. late 2^d [Daniel Mazyck]
Regimt. S. Carolina
27th may 1788

Thos. Powe Esq. [Thomas Powe]
Comm. of Location
for Cheraw District

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