

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Keeblinger¹ W1618 Elizabeth Keeblinger f36VA
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State of Virginia

At a Court held for Albemarle County the 2nd day of October 1832

On this 2nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of said County now sitting Adam Keeblinger a resident of said County & State aged seventy years on the 15th day of August last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County of Shenandoah State of Virginia on the 15th day of August 1762 and when he was about seventeen years old in the year 1779 in the month of January he was drafted in the militia and marched from the said County of Shenandoah under Captain Martin Awl, there was no Regiment to which he was attached, when he first marched from Shenandoah, he marched to Fredericksburg where he joined a body of Militia and stayed there about two months when he was discharged and returned home. He does not recollect the names of the Officers who commanded him at Fredericksburg besides the Captains as they were frequently changed. There was a deposit of arms at Fredericksburg at the time. He was again called into service in the Militia about the 1st of May 1781 and marched under Captain George Prince & Balser Sowers Lieutenant to Yorktown and the neighborhood where he was stationed for two months and was discharged and came home. He recollects the name of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] & General Stevens [Edward Stevens] under whose command he was during this tour. He was again drafted in the militia about the month of January following (he thinks) and marched under Captain __ Fry² (his Christian name not recollected) to the neighborhood of Winchester to guard the prisoners of Cornwallis' Army and assisted in guarding the prisoners across the Potomac [River]. He was in the service about two months. He recollects the names of __ Welch who was a Major over him; He was discharged on the Potomac and came home. He received written discharges which he took home, but he has been unable to find them and supposes they are lost. He has a family register in his Bible at home. He has no positive proof of his services as those who served with him are he believes all the head. He knows of no one now living who served with him. If his character and reputation he enjoys in his neighborhood among those who have known him for more than thirty years cannot procure for him the aid of that Country which he faithfully served, he must die without it.

¹ His last name is spelled variously in the documents in this file as follows: Adam KEBlinger, Adam Kiblinger and Adam Keltlinger

² there is an Ensign William Fry listed as serving from Shenandoah County in 1782

He removed to this County from Shenandoah about 34 years ago.

His name is not on the pension Roll of any state and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Adam Keeblinger, X his mark

Thereupon the following Interrogatories were propounded to the applicant by the Court.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in the County of Shenandoah Virginia the 15th August 1762

2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

A. I have a record of my age in my family Bible at home

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

A. When called into service I lived in Shenandoah County Virginia & lived there until about 34 years ago when he removed to Albemarle County Virginia where he now lives.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

A. I was drafted

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your Service.

A. Captain Martin Awl, Captain George Prince & Balser Sowers Lieutenant, General Muhlenberg, General Stevens, Captain Fry & Major Welch

[Cornelius Maupin, William Maupin, Wilson Roberts & James Jarman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Albemarle County, State of Virginia Sct.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace for said County Adam Keblinger who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, in the following grades

In the year 1779 – and months of January in February a tour of two months – as a private.

In the year 1781 – in the month of May and June a tour of two months, as a private.

In the fall of 1781 or winter of 1782, he cannot say which, but soon after the surrender of Cornwallis at York – he served a tour of two months again as stated in his declaration. He cannot be positive as to the months when his service was performed. He served as a private – for which service he claims a pension. He has no witness living to prove his service – those who served with him having either died or removed from the State.

From under my hand this 6th day of June 1833

S/ Jas. Jarman, JP

[p. 11: Copy of a marriage bond dated **October 22, 1785** issued to Adam Keltlinger [sic] and Jacob Ketlinger [sic] in Shenandoah County conditioned upon the marriage of Adam Ketlinger [sic] & Elizabeth Prince. The signatures as copied by the clerk are spelled "Adam Kiblinger"

and "Jacob Kiblingner."]

[Note: There are obviously documents missing from this file which would include the application made by the widow. Based on correspondence in the file summarizing the contents of the file, the following additional facts can be derived: the veteran died in Albemarle County July 15, 1844; in Shenandoah County, a marriage bond issued to the veteran for his marriage to Elizabeth Prentz or Prince, the daughter of Philip Prentz or Prince. The file contains no information regarding any children they may have had.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]