

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Keeble¹ W1880 Mary Keeble f60VA
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State of Tennessee Blount County: Viz.

Be it remembered that this day came William Keeble a Citizen and Resident of and in the said County who says he is and appears to be upwards of sixty-three years of age, before me James Turk Presiding Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the said County (which Court is a Court of Record) and the said William Keeble being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late act of Congress passed the 18th of March 1818, entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war" to wit, that he the said William Keeble did enlist in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia in the Company of Captain James Scott of the Regiment commanded by Colonels Toliver [probably either Oliver Towles or William Taliaferro] and Stephens [probably Edward Stevens] and Major Thomas Marshall for the term of one year during which time he served as a private soldier and was in the battle known by the name of the battle of the Long Bridge [December 9, 1775] in the State of Virginia and at the expiration of said term of one year he was honorably discharged –

That in the month of August 1777 the said William Keeble again enlisted from the County and State last aforesaid in Captain Elias Edmunds Company of Artillery of Colonel Thomas Marshall's Regiment of the Virginia line in which he served three years as a Bombardier and was again honorably discharged in Richmond Virginia on the 22nd of August 1780. And in the year 1781 was in the Militia service at the siege of York and capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and late in the fall of the same year just before Christmas as well as this deponent now recollects, he enlisted in Captain Beverly Roys [Beverly Roy's] Company in the Regiment commanded by Major Finley and Colonel Posey [Thomas Posey] and marched to the South and was in the Battle at the defeat of Old King Sago the Indian Chief about 4 miles above Savannah in the State of Georgia besides some other skirmishes and late in the fall of 1782 was marched back to Cumberland old Court House in the State of Virginia and again honorably discharged, all of which said discharge is are now lost or so mislaid that this deponent cannot find them, nor does he know of any other or better evidence of the facts above stated then the deposition of Mr. James Kennard herewith accompanying, that he claims no pension from the United States or any of them, otherwise than under the late act of Congress above mentioned, and that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his country for support.

¹ BLWt14518-160-55

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 6th day of June 1818

S/ James Turk

S/ William Keeble, X his mark

State of Tennessee Blount County viz. Be it remembered that this day came Mr. James Kennard a respectable Citizen of the and in said County, before me the said James Turk Presiding Justice &c and being duly sworn deposed and saith that he has long been acquainted with the above named William Keeble, that he served with him in Captain Edmunds Company of Colonel Marshall's Regiment for the term of three years, and was in the same mess with him during the said term of his second enlistment and service, and that from his knowledge of other facts and of the circumstances and from his knowledge of the said William as to his Character for veracity, he this deponent has no doubt but that the facts as above stated by him the said William are true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the said 6th day of June 1818

S/ James Turk

S/ James Kenard, X his mark

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Original Claim

State of Tennessee Blount County: June Sessions of the County Court for the County and State aforesaid 1829

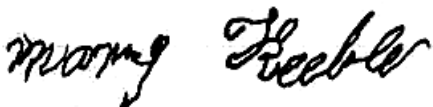
On this 23rd day of January 1829 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County and State aforesaid by the laws of this State William Keeble resident in said County aged about seventy-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and first of May 1820, that he the said William Keeble enlisted in August in the year 1777 the term of three years in the State of Virginia in the company of Artillery commanded by Captain Lias Edmunds [sic] – Regiment of artillery commanded by Colonel Thomas Marshall – in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve said Corps until the 22nd of August 1780 when he was discharged from the service at Richmond – in the State of Virginia and that he enlisted as he believes in the year 1781 in the company commanded by Captain Beverly Roy – Regiment commanded by Colonel Posey – in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve said Corps until the Army was discharged in 1782: that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not enrolled in any State in the United States and that the following are his reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: the first reason why he did not make earlier application for pension is that heretofore he has been able to support himself by the assistance of his children who has totally left him: and another reason is that he has been an occupant on the land generally known by the land lying south of French broad and Holston rivers, and as he was unable to pay the installments, the land was sold to pay the installments: and that he has become very infirm and scarcely able to do any work whatever as he is a cripple. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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. That on the 18th of March 1818 I had the following articles of property to wit 250 acres of land the value not known had not a title was only an occupant, two horses each worth about \$20, four head of sheep worth one dollar – each – the above is all the property I had at the time above mentioned except some household furniture some bedding and some wearing close, the 250 acres of land was sold by the Treasurer of East Tennessee to pay the installments due upon it which was bought by said Treasurer for the use of the State aforesaid one of the above named horses I sold to Nicholas Norton and appropriated the money to the use of my family, all four of the above named sheep died. The following is a complete schedule of the property a half at this time to wit one Negro woman supposed to be sixty years old worth \$50, one sorrel horse 14 years old worth \$20, one house [sic, Horse?] 13 years old worth \$20, one mare and colt worth \$25, 3 milk cows worth \$18, 7 head small cattle worth \$17, 21 hogs worth \$21 – 2 sheep worth \$2.50, one cupboard and furniture worth \$6, one chest worth \$2.50, kitchen furniture worth \$7 – Farming utensils \$6, one Iron wedge worth \$0.37, I am indebted \$12, \$4 or owing me 3 of which the men are insolvent. The above is all the property I own in the world except my bedding and wearing clothes. The declarant is a farmer but is unable to do anything at farming or anything else in consequence of his infirmity and crippled situation. The following all the names of declarant's children that are with him – Rebecca Keeble aged 19 years, Richard Keeble aged about 18 years, Walter Keeble aged 13 years and very sickly, Polly Keeble aged 10 years – Charlotta Keeble aged about 5 years, Jane aged about 4 years, declarant's wife is sickly and unable to assist in making support for the family. Declarant is so old and infirm that it is impossible for him [to] get any [indecipherable word] of the sale of the land he lived on he therefore prays the Secretary of War will give him that which he is obviously entitled to.

S/ William Keeble, X his mark

[p 54: On December 29, 1829 in Blount County Tennessee, the veteran filed yet another application almost word for word identical to believe one given by him in January of 1829 and transcribed above except in this document he list his prior land ownership as being 251 ½ acres; also in this document he refers to the child indemnified as Charlotta in the above application is herein identified as Charlotte.]

[p 13: On November 5, 1849 in Blount County Tennessee, Mary Keeble, aged 65 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of William Keeble, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him December 17, 1799 in Fauquier County Virginia; that her husband died in Blount County Tennessee December 30, 1834; and that she remains his widow; that she was married to her husband died John Pickett, a Baptist clergyman who gave her a certificate of her marriage but she has mislaid it and cannot find it.



[p 16: On March 29, 1855 in Blount County Tennessee, the widow, aged about 71 years, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Keeble; she signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 6, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]—indexed under the name "William Kebble"

This is to Certify that William Kebble Corporal in Colonel Marshall's Regiment of artillery having faithfully served three years the time he was Inlisted for he is therefore discharged by order of Lieutenant Colonel Edmonds. Given under my hand this 22nd of August 1780

S/ John Mazaret, Major A.

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