

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Price Key¹ W3021 Sarah Key

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State of Kentucky Sct.

This day personally appeared before the undersigned, presiding Judge of the Mason Circuit Court in the State aforesaid, Price Key, a resident of Clarke County in said State, and being sworn according to law, made on oath the following declaration in order to obtain a pension of agreeably to the provisions of the act of Congress passed on the last Session, to wit: That he enlisted as a private soldier, in the spring of the year 1775 for the term of ~~three~~ ^{being} years ^{a boy he don't remember} in the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia, with Captain George Stubblefield of Colonel Peachy's [William Peachy's] Regt. ^{of Virginia, number not recollected,} that he afterwards reenlisted ^{in the year 1776 or 7 in Jersey for his first time was out} with Captain Fautleroy [Moore Fautleroy], to serve during the War, in the 3rd Troop of the 4th Regiment of Light Dragoons, commanded by Colonel Stephen Moyland [Stephen Moylan], on Continental establishment, that he served during the whole of the Revolutionary War, in said Regiment ^{and that of Colonel Peachy} that he was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], the battle at Germantown [October 4, 1777], the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], and was at the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 9, 1781]. That he enlisted at about the age of sixteen or seventeen years, that by reason of his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country for support. He further states that while in the service of his Country, he received an injury in his shoulder, but never claimed or received a pension from the Government; that he is still so much afflicted by the wound he received, as to be incapable of doing heavy labor, and being upwards of sixty years of age, is not able to do much of any kind. He states that it is in his power to prove his public services by Moses Daulton of Mason County, in Kentucky who served in the same Regiment with him. That in consequence of the absence of his officers, at the termination of hostilities, he never received a written discharge.

Moses Daulton² a citizen of Mason County also personally appeared before the undersigned on this day, and being duly sworn deposes and says that he is acquainted with the above named Price Key; that the deponent joined the 3rd troop of Mayland's [sic] Regiment of light Dragoons in the Spring 1778 at Valley Forge, at which time he knows the above named Price Key belonged to said troop, and was active in the capacity of quarter master Sergeant. The deponent served with said Key sometime in said Regiment until Lieutenant Colonel White who had been promoted to the command of a Regiment went to the South, at which time the said Key

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² [Moses Daulton W8659](#)

accompanied him as orderly Sergeant. And I, Adam Beatty, Judge as aforesaid being satisfied from the testimony aforesaid taken before me in due form that the said Price Key did perform the service therein stated in the Continental service, do certify the same to the Secretary for the Department of War. In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand this 23rd day of May 1818

S/ A. Beatty

[Attested by Marshall Key, clerk of the Circuit Court for Mason County Kentucky]

Montgomery County Kentucky

Mr. Price Key states on oath before me that the Clerk who wrote his statement for Judge Beatty made a mistake in saying that his first Enlistment was for three years. He thinks & yet states, that he was a boy & don't recollect how long – and Some of the interlining, within and now added to some others of Judge Beatty, will show when his 2nd Enlistment was made and enable the Government to see that he has a fair claim for his pension.

Given under my hand as Circuit Judge of the State of Kentucky this 13th day of October 1819



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State of Kentucky Clarke County Sct.

On this 6th day of October 1820 personally appeared in Open Court, it being the Clark Circuit Court for the County aforesaid and made a Court of Record by the Statutes of the State Price Key aged about sixty-six years resident in the County & State aforesaid – who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows – to wit – He served as a regular Soldier for about two years under Captain George Stubblefield who commanded the company and belonged to the Regiment of Virginia Regulars commanded by Colonel Peachy – to wit in the year 1776 and latter part of the preceding year – That in the latter part of the year 1776 or in the year 1777 he served as a regular Soldier in the Pennsylvania Line of light Dragoons under the Command of Captain Moor Fauntleroy [sic] 3rd Troop in the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Stephen Milan [Stephen Moylan] – for the residue of the War, to wit to the taking of Cornwallis at York, and that the number of his former pension Certificate was __

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

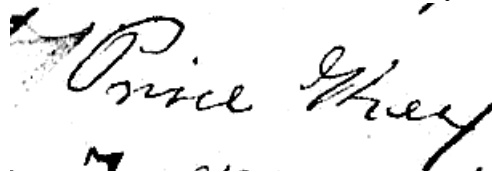
Schedule of property

1st one Bay mare – 2nd one sorrel mare & colt
3rd one cow & calf – 4th – eight head of hogs
5th one Cupboard – 6th one table
7th three pair plow Gear 8th – one Barshear plough

9th one mattock 10th one hoe
11th the irons of old wagon 12th one shovel plow
13th one eight gallon pot 14th one small oven
15th one small skillet – 16th – one Grid iron
17 one log chain 18th, one pair wedges
19th one [indecipherable]³ – 20th – no land
21 note Negroes – 22 no other property except
Six old Windsor chairs – (Bedding & wearing apparel excepted)

That his occupation is that of a Farmer – not able to work any scarcely being old and wounded in the war – has but two in family, besides himself, to wit, his wife, about 60 years old not able to work much (except with the needle) a son about 16 or 17 years old able to do, and work for one of his age – besides whom he has at this time a free Negro girl living with him, but temporarily.

S/ Price Key



[the court valued the property listed by the veteran at \$139.25]

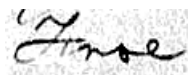
[p 9: On November 19, 1839 in the Barren County Kentucky, Sarah Key, aged 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Price Key, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him March 17, 1786 in Fauquier County Virginia; that her husband died July 14, 1829 in Barren County Kentucky and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 6: On July 3, 1855 in Montgomery County Kentucky, Sarah Key, about 88 years old, a resident of Mount Sterling [?] in Montgomery County Kentucky filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Price Key. She signed this application with her mark. A supporting affidavit was filed by Anderson Johns and Sally Ann Pettit: Johns identified himself as having married a daughter of Sarah T more than 40 years ago and Sallie Ann Pettit identified herself as the daughter of Anderson Johns and granddaughter of Sarah Key.]

[Facts in file: Veteran married in Fauquier County Virginia March 17, 1786 Sarah McQueen; she died September 7, 1855, place not stated; in 1839, Alexander Key, 66, and Peyton R Key, 63, gave testimony in Mason County Kentucky in which they state they are the nephews of the veteran; they also state that the veteran and his family moved into Kentucky in the fall of 1792.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing May 23, 1818, for service as a Corporal for 3 years in the light dragoons of the Virginia line; His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 3-page file

3  Fense? fence?

Kentucky Fayette County

Price Key appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that in the year 1776 he enlisted as a Corporal for during the War in Captain Fauntleroy's Company of the 3rd Troop of Horse commanded by Colonel White of the Virginia Continental line, and that he continued to serve in said Corps, until the close of the war when he was honorably discharged as a Corporal and that he has never received his Land warrant for said service.

Pr. Key



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th of May 1822

S/ R. S. Todd, JP

Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

Charles Burress made oath before me a Justice of the peace for said County that he served in the same Company and Regiment with the above named Price Key and was present when he enlisted for during the war in the year 1776 and he knows that said Key served to the end of the war in 1783 and was then discharged as a Corporal, as he has stated in [the image of this document cuts off at this point at the bottom thereof]

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is the same person who is applying for his bounty land.

S/ Charles Burress, X his mark

Sworn to before me this 7th September 1822

S/ O. Keene, JP

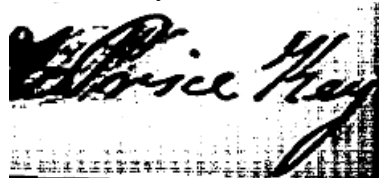
[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 7-page file

Clark County Kentucky November 3rd, 1820

Dr. Sir Agreeable to your Request I have sent you a few lines to aid you in recovering [?] my Land that Congress is justly due me for my service – in the Revolutionary War I mean to be as short as the Nature of the Case will admit of and as correct as my memory will serve me and should I Drop anything from my hand which is not correct I hope you will excuse me as I have but a small share of Education in the first Place I shall refer you to the Certificate handed into the Department of War that I obtained before Judge beaty [sic] of the first Act of Congress also the second Certificate handed in that I obtained before Judge Clark of the second Act of Congress Concerning my Pension I think you can gather enough out of those two Certificates for you to say whether or not I ought not to be entitled to my Land as well as my Pension but for fear there should be something else yet wanting I shall make a few Remarks on my Enlistment and show the Reason I did not obtain my Discharge and a Certificate for my Land at the close of the War. I enlisted with Captain George Stubblefield in the year '75 length of the time not recollected afterwards reenlisted with Captain Moore Fauntleroy in the Third troop & Fourth Regiment of Light Dragoons to serve During the war with the promise of a New Suit of Clothes and one hundred or one hundred and fifty acres of Land but the board of War will show that here is the point in hand concerning my discharge at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis which was the termination of the War by officers was all gone home as soon as possible they could get off and

being paid off with Continental paper which depreciated almost to nothing that one hundred dollars would not get a Meals victuals to eat so that it was out of power to follow them I therefore gave it over for loss and should there be any other proof to prove my service be wanting if you would search the board of war you will there find my name enrolled & mustard for During the War in the Fourth Regiment of Light Dragoons Commanded by Colonel Stephen Moylan one more remark and I am done I am near seventy years of age having spent all the Blume [sic] of my youth in the service of my country not able to support myself and family by my labor hope to gain our Liberty & independence by the point of the Sword & Bayonet I therefore leave the event for you to Judge.

I am Sir your H. Servant &c
S/ Price Key

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Price Key". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Key".