

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Keizer [Keiser] W4709

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State of Pennsylvania

Berks County SS

On this 23rd day of August 1836 before me Matthias S Richards a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Berks in the State of Pennsylvania Personally appeared Anna Elizabeth Keiser, widow of Lewis Keiser deceased a Resident of the County and State aforesaid Aged Seventy five Years and past, who being first duly Sworn according to Law, doth on her Oath make the following Declaration, in Order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 3rd 1836. That she is the widow of Lewis Keiser deceased who was formerly a private duly Enlisted in the Service of the United States in the War of the Revolution, and in the Company of Dragoons Commanded by Captain Bartholomew Von Heer¹ and that her said Husband continued to serve in said Company for a Term of Two Years and Six Months; that at present she cannot state the day & year in which her said Husband entered the Service and that she had in her power a Certificate drawn under the Hand and Signature of said Captain Von Heer Stating in said Certificate that her said Husband Lewis Keiser was duly Enlisted a member of said Captain's Company of Dragoons and in said Certificate was fully mentioned that her said Husband was then entitled to receive the Depreciation money in pursuance of the Act of Congress and that the Same Certificate which was in her possession was presented heretofore by the Honorable Henry A. Muhlenberg to the Auditor's office of the United States and it then appeared in said Offices that Von Heer had drawn the Amount due her said Husband the Depreciation monies aforesaid reference hereunto had will more fully appear in the Revolutionary Records of the War Department of the United States and She further Declares that She was Lawfully Married to the said Lewis Keiser in Reading Pennsylvania by the then Pastor William Boas of the German Reform Presbyterian Congregation that she was Married as aforesaid on the 22nd day of January A.D. 1781 and that her Husband was in actual Services during the time in which She was his wife a Certificate of her said Marriage given under the Hands of the present Pastor of said Church namely William Pauli is hereunto annexed will fully prove my Marriage and that her Maiden Name was Anna Elizabeth Smith and that she is now in the receipt of a Pension annuity of Forty Dollars from the State of Pennsylvania & payable semi-annually at Harrisburg Pennsylvania July 1st and January 1st in every year and She further declares that her Husband the said Lewis Keiser Died on the 12th day of November A.D. 1788

¹ [Bartholomew Von Heer BLWt2275-300](#)

and that She has remained a Widow ever since that Period and is now his widow as all will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed

S/ Anna Elizabeth Keiser, X her mark

Sworn to and Subscribed the Day & year aforesaid before me August 23, 1836

S/ Matthias S Richards, a Judge of Berks County

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Philadelphia Dec^r 8th 1781

I do hereby Certify that Lewis Keiser a Dragoon of my Troop having been Inlisted March 1st 1779 & has not Received his Depreciation for the Time he has been Mustred as it Appears in the Aditor's Book wherein the Sum due is Mentioned.

Given under my hand this 8th day of Dec^r 1781

S/ Barth^w von Heer

Capt. L. Dⁿ.

To the Hon^{ble} Secratarius
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[Veteran's will widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service for 2 ½ years in the Pennsylvania Continental line.]