

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Keiser (Kiker, Kiher) W7997

Elizabeth Keiser f54NC

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions November 1832

On this the 26th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before said Court now sitting George Kiker a resident of the County & State aforesaid in the Seventy Eighth year of his age who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832,

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, Your Petitioner States that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania Bucks County in the year 1754. That his age is recorded in the Family Bible, which he has at home. He was living in the County of Rowan & State of North Carolina when he entered the service of the United States, as a volunteer, and has lived in Mecklenburg County & State aforesaid ever since the Revolutionary War. Your Petitioner further states that he entered the Service as a volunteer in the year 1777 under Colonel Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] who commanded the Regiment. He states that the name of his Captain was Windle Miller [sic, Wendell Miller?]. That the Ensign of the company to which he belonged was named Gilliam Roose. That they marched [from] Salisbury Rowan County & State of North Carolina to Green River reserve. That he was at the taking of a number of Tories near the before mentioned place. This Campaign was called the Snowy Campaign.¹ That he served about six weeks in the first Tour, in August 1778, he marched again from Salisbury against the Cherokee Indians under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Ledbetter was his Major, George Henry Bunyon [may be a mistaken attempt to name George Henry Barrier of the Rowan County militia] was his Captain this was a three months Tour.² That he was marched back to Salisbury. That he was then marched to South Carolina where he was at Gates defeat³ or that he was sent off two or three days before the battle with about three hundred men to reinforce General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. The last mentioned was [a] three months Tour, from South Carolina he came home, in a short time he again joined the Army under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson], who he served three months at that time. He joined the Army again in the fall of 1781 under General Rutherford that he was marched from Montgomery Court House in the State of North Carolina to Wilmington where he obtained a discharge which discharge is lost as he believes. That he served with no Continentals. Has no documentary evidence of his Services he was discharged from the said Army some time in the 1781 the precise time he does not recollect.

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

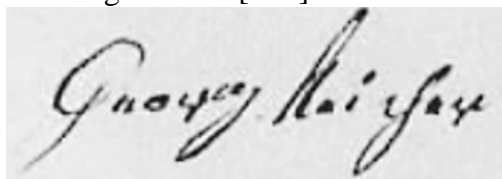
³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension or annuity other than the present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed, this 26th day of November A.D. 1832.

Sworn & Subscribed

S/ George Keisser[sic?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Keisser".

S/ Isaac Alexander, Clerk

[Col. David Karr & Evan Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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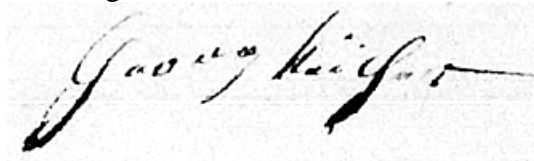
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Personally appeared in open Court George Kiker before the Justices of the Said Court the 27th day of November and who being duly sworn according to Law, made this his amendatory declaration, having heretofore filed his declaration for a pension before said Court at the November Sessions 1832, the 26th day of November, which is to be appended to said original declaration – who stated that the last tour mentioned in his original declaration when he went to Wilmington under General Rutherford in the year 1781 was a tour of three months and that he served the whole time and was discharged. That in every case Stated in his original declaration he was regularly discharged, that he never left Camp unless by permission of his Superior Officers and that he has lost or mislaid all of the discharges that he ever received. That in his first tour as set forth in his original declaration as well as in every other tour as therein mentioned he served as a volunteer – that the whole time of his Services was thirteen months and two weeks. That the officers under whom he served he cannot remember further than stated in his original declaration – that from old age and infirmity he cannot remember the names of said officers and that agreeable to the best of his belief he served during the periods stated and always as a private and volunteer – petitioner believes that in this amended declaration and original declaration, all the questions prescribed by the War department are embodied and answered – and that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services as a Soldier during the Revolutionary War –as alleged in his original and this his amended declaration. Declarant further states that he is a member of the Southern Church and that those persons who preach to the congregation of which he is a member reside in other Counties and that he is unable to obtain their attendance to certify to declarant's character or to the character of declarant as being reputed to be in his neighborhood a Revolutionary Soldier.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open court this 27th day of November A.D. 1833.

S/ B. Oates, C.C.C.

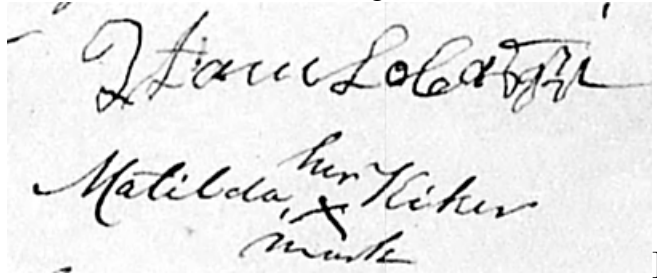
S/ George Keisser [sic?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Keisser".

[p 13: Elizabeth Kiker filed for a widow's pension in Georgia, Cass County, on November 19, 1849 stating that she married George Kiker in May 1781; that George died on July 8, 1844; that George was a pensioner at the rate of \$33.33 1/3 per annum. She signed her application with her

mark. p 52: She filed another application in substantially the same form on February 27th 1852, in Cass County, Ga.]

[p 4: On February 27, 1852 in Gordon County Georgia, Adam Lopsen and Matilda Kiker gave testimony that George Kiker died July 7, 1844 leaving Elizabeth Kiker as his widow; that affiant's new George and Elizabeth and number of years in North Carolina and they were reputed to be man and wife; that the German Bible of the family was kept in German by George Kiker and is in his own handwriting.⁴

A photograph of a handwritten document. The top line reads "Adam Lopsen" in a cursive script. Below it, the name "Matilda Kiker" is written, with "her" written above "Kiker" and "mark" written below it. The entire signature is enclosed in square brackets on the right side.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

⁴ There are no images of this family record among the documents in this file.