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County of Morgan  } SS

On this 7th day of April 1834 personally appeared before the Justices of the Morgan County Court now sitting, Isaac Keeton a resident from the County of Morgan and State of Kentucky, aged 70 years on on the [blank] day of [blank] last past, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by 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

He states he entered the service of the United States on the [blank] day of March 1778 under the command of Capt John Cook Maj. George Pogue [sic: George Poage] Col. Donaly [sic: Andrew Donnally] as a Volunteer there being a call made by that same Colonel for men. He states he lived in Botetourt County Va. when he went into the service. He states he joined the army at Ellis’s Fort at a place called the little Level in Botetourt County, Va [Little Levels now at Hillsboro in Pocahontas County WV]. He states he was Forted there at Ellis’s Fort and ordered out every day or two as a Indian spy, or ranger he remained there as a spy spying in the neighbourhood untill the some time in November 1778, the day of the month he does not recollect, when he was discharged by Capt. Cook and he returned home — he does not recollect weather he had a written discharge or not if he had he has lost it—

He states he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under a call made for men by the County Col [County Lieutenant]. He states he then lived in Botetourt County Va. & joined the Army in April 1779 the day of the month he cannot state under the Command of Capt. William McCoy George Clendenen [sic: George Clendenning] was Col. He joined the captains company at Ellis’s Fort in Botetourt County Va where he was stationed as a spy or Ranger he remained there during the next summer and kept guard, guarding the inhabitants from the Indians in November 1779 the day of the month he does not recollect he was discharged by his Captain & returned home he states he never had a written discharge for this tour that he can recollect if he had it is lost.

He states that in the spring of 1780 there was a call made for Volunteers again by the County Colonel for the purpose of guarding the Frontier from the Indians & He again volunteered under Capt. William McCoy Col George Clendenen; he joined the service in April 1780 the day he cannot state. He joined his captain’s Company at Ellis’s Fort Va where he was stationed & from there ordered out spying in the surrounding Country. in that business he was engaged during the summer of 1780 & untill some time in October 1780 the day he does not recollect, when he was discharged by his Capt and returned home. his discharge he thinks was not in writing if it was he has lost it

he continued to live in Botetourt County Va till the year 1798 when he removed to Kentucky Montgomery County from there to Floyd & now lives in Morgan County State of Kentucky. he states he was born in Albemarle County State of Va. in the year 1763. He states he has no record of his age. he had one but got it burnt in his house a few years past.

He states he has stated where he lived when called into the service where he lived since the revolutionary war & where he now lives. He states he has stated how he was called into the service— He states he has stated the names of all the officers that was with the Troops when he served likewise the general Circumstances of his service as fully as he can now recollect them He states that he has stated the manner of his leaving the service & He states he is known to David M. Cooper & Joseph Nickell in his present neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He states he has no documentary evidence and that he knows but one surviving witness whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, that is John Cooper [pension application W8633] whose statement is herewith forwarded.
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

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NOTES:

Although Isaac Keeton obviously served from Virginia, his file jacket is marked “N.C.” On 22 July 1845 Margaret Keeton, 80, applied for a pension stating that she married Isaac Keeton in Clark County KY on 5 Aug 1793, and he died on 16 Feb 1844. The file contains a copy of the marriage certificate of Isaac Keeton and Margaret Wade.