

The Commonwealth of Virginia

Bath County to wit,

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Bath now sitting in Court in the State of Virginia William Keyser a resident of Bath County in the State aforesaid aged seventy seven years 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 17th 1832. He states that he enlisted in the service of the United States in the regular army for the term of three years and served out the 3^d term of those years. He enlisted in the County of Staunton in the State of Va^o but the time of his enlistment he does not at this time recollect. He enlisted under Captain Thomas Baytop in second Va^o State Regiment. He then marched to Hampton Va^o after he was there he was inoculated for the small pox. He afterwards was marched to the Valley Forge where he joined the Army under General Washington at which place he remained all Winter the next summer he was marched after the British and under the command of Colonel Charles Patney he overtook the British at Monmouth Church and was in an engagement with the British one whole day and lay on his arms all night expecting to engage again on the next day but on that night the British got on board their ships. He further states that he was in a skirmish with the British at Saw mill river bridge near Fort Montgomery under the command of Colonel Samuel Buss and in that skirmish twenty eight soldiers and two officers ^{were} taken by the British. He further states that he was in another engagement and was in front of the Army in taking Stony Point Fort under the command of General Anthony Wayne at which engagement Genl^l Wayne received a small wound in his temple and then Colonel Greenleaf took the command. Col^l Murray was the commander of the Vanguard he received no wound. He states that he received a discharge in writing which discharge was deposited in the Auditors Office in Richmond Va^o for the purpose of entitling him to draw his back pay. He states that he is known to William McClintic and Robert Brinkley who are his neighbors. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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And the said William McClintic and Robert Brinkley here in Court state that they are well acquainted with William Keyser who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that ^{they} believe him to be seventy seven years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides

to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion
And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of
the matter and after putting the interrogatories presented by the War Department
that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and serve as he
states -

I Charles S Francisco Clerk of the Court of Wash County aforesaid do hereby certify
that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter
of the application of William Keyser for a pension -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal of office this
12th day of October in the year one
thousand eight hundred and twenty two
and 5th year of the Commonwealth -

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