

## **Pension Application for John Keeler**

S.5555

State of Pennsylvania

County of Columbia SS

On this nineteenth Day of January 1837 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania now sitting John Keeler a resident of Sugarloaf Township in said County of Columbia & State of Pennsylvania aged seventy-three 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated.

Weisenfeld was his Colonel, Dewitt Major, John A. Hornbrick was his Captain, John Jamison was his first Lieutenant, [blank] Vanwicke was his 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, he entered the service about the first Day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and that he left the service about the twenty-seventh day of December of the same year (1782) he resided in Wallkill Township, County of Ulster County [sic], and State of New York, at the time he entered the service he was drafted as a Militia man, his employ was scouting and ranging the woods after the Indians and that their Regiment was stretched in a line from Esopus to Minisink, and that they patrolled from the end of the Regiment to the other every week, and there were no Continental Regiments of Companies near them, their principle object was to protect the frontiers against the Indians, as in the summer previous the Indians had been down and destroyed many lives, particularly in the Township of Wa[?],k they did not burn the church but cut the door all to pieces, and that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. (Signed) John Keeler

Sworn and subscribed and year aforesaid. James Donaldson, Prothy  
Letter in folder dated July 31, 1937 written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to John Keeler, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.5555, based upon the military service of John Keeler in that war.

John Keeler was born in Goshen, Orange County, New York, in 1764, day, month, and the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Wallkill Township, Ulster County, New York, John Keeler enlisted April 1, 1782, and served about nine months as private in Captain John Hornbeck's Company, Colonel Weissenfels' New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 5, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Sugarloaf Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.  
There are no family data.