

## **Pension Application for Cornelius Keator or Keaton**

S.16174

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this ninth day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the county of Delaware & State of New York now sitting Cornelius Keaton—a resident of the town of Roxbury in the County of Delaware and state aforesaid aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declarations 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 stated.

In the month of April 1778 he resided at Marbletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York and belonged to the Militia which was divided into Classes sometime in the aforesaid month of April the Class to which he belonged was called upon to go to the fort in Shendaken and this deponent went with the Class and Remained there one month under the command of captain Jehachim Schoonmaker—the first part of the time but after being there a short time Captain Schoonmaker returned home and left the command to Sergeant Moses Depey after the expiration of the month he was discharged and returned home where he remained until about the 10<sup>th</sup> of August of the same year when he was again ordered to march to Shendaken & [Dackataren?] (now Middletown) which he did under the command of Lieutenant Frederick Westbrook near Dackataren the party found the body of a man by the name of Rider who had been killed and scalped by the Indians and Tories the party buried him and after scouting one month they were discharged and returned home to Marbletown.

The same fall after his return from Shendaken & Dackataren. He was ordered to the place called Lackawaxen where he remained two months and under the command of Captain Derick Westbrook Colonel Pawling being Chief in Command after serving the two month sat Lackwaxen he was discharged and again returned home to Marbletown and remained there until August 1779 when he was awarded to march for Dackataren with the regiment under the command of Colonel Cantine but he is not positive what captain Commanded the Company to which he belonged at that time when the Detachment arrived at Dackataren—they found the body of Hermanus Desmond who had been killed and buried it and after serving one month at this time he was again discharged and returned home after returning from Dackataren he was again the same fall ordered out for one month to a place in the town of Warwasing called [?] where he remained one month—when he was again discharged and returned home.

The next year 1780 he was gain called out for one month and stationed at Moses Depeys in Wawasing when he remained one month under the command of Captain Westbrook after which he was Discharged and again returned home either the same year 1780 or 1781 and which this deponent does not now distinctly recollect he

was again ordered out into the service of the United States and stationed at George Hardenberghs in the town of Wawasing where he remained three months in which time he in company with one Timothy Tillson made a prisoner of one Peter Helm a tory who had [?] the Indians who were Skulking about the Shawangunk Mountains and this Deponent and said Tillson conveyed the prisoner to Poughkeepsie Jail, Delivered him to the Jailor—Colonel Pauling was Commander in Chief of the detachment and Captain Westbrook commanded the company in which he served—

After serving the three months he was discharged which was the last of his services in the revolutionary war except some scouting parties that he occasionally went with but how many he does not now recollect he does not know that in any of his services he acted or was in company with any of the officers as soldiers belonging to the regular Army he was born in the town of Marbletown County of Ulster and State of New York he has no record of his age except in his family Bible he has resided in the town of Roxbury County of Delaware and state of New York for the last twenty eight years and previous to that time he resided in the aforesaid town of Marbletown he never received a written discharge from any officer neither did he ever have any commission.

He has no written or other Documentary evidence of his services neither does he know of any person by whom he can now prove any part of this services except a part of his services in Shendaken or Dackataken which he expects to prove by John C. Keaton who served with him.

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) Cornelius Keaton

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. C. B. Sheldon, Clerk

Letter in folder dated April 19, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of recent date, relative to Cornelius Keator, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

A careful search of the records fails to show that a claim for pension or bounty land was filed on account of the Revolutionary War service of Cornelius Keator as described by you, but the following history of the only soldier by that name found in the Revolutionary War records of this office is furnished as it is thought it would be of interest to you.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S. 16174, based upon the military service of Cornelius Keator (pensioned Keaton) in the Revolutionary War.

Cornelius Keator was born in Marbletown, Ulster County, New York, date not stated.

While living in said Marbletown, New York, he enlisted in April, 1778, and served at various times, ten months in all, as a private in the New York troops, under Lieutenant Frederick Westbrook, Captains Jocham Schoonmaker, Derick Westbrook, Samuel Brodhead and Colonels Pawling and Cantine. He served until 1780 or 1781.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 9, 1832, at which time he was residing in Roxbury, Delaware County, New York, where he stated had had lived for twenty-eight years, and aged seventy-one years.

He died August 29, 1855.

There is no reference to Cornelius Keator's wife or children.

In 1832, one John C. Keator was a resident of Roxbury, New York, and stated that he had known soldier since he was a small boy, also that he served with him three months during the Revolution, in the spring of 1778 and in August and September of that year; relationship to him not stated.