

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of John Keith (Keeth) W11478 Nancy Smith (former widow) fn70SC  
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District of Georgia Putnam County in the Superior Court held in & for said County being a Court of record by the Constitution & laws of said State of the 23rd day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for the said district John Keith aged sixty-eight years resident in Putnam County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: he enlisted a private for 18 months in the State of South Carolina in Captain Mazicks [sic, probably Daniel Mazyck's] Company Colonel Frank Marion's [sic, Francis Marion] Regiment in the year 1779 & continued in service until the Siege of Charleston South Carolina in 1780 when he was taken prisoner by the British and detained 14 months & being exchanged he voluntarily joined Colonel Parker's [?] Regiment of militia from Virginia & continued in said service until the surrender of Cornwallis at York town in the year 1781 & was at that place slightly wounded and made an original declaration of his said services to the general government claiming a pension in the spring of the year 1818 which has been returned being informal and he has never received any pension from his government for his revolutionary Services and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and is possessed of 17 hogs of the value of \$44 forty pounds of bacon of the value of \$5.50 and no other estate real or personal (necessary clothing & bedding excepted) has heretofore followed shoe making, for several years being unable to do any harder work and from his age and infirmity is now unable to support himself and that or any other way by his labor as a wife Nancy Keith who is about 55 years old & very infirm & unable to obtain a subsistence by labor and only one child a son named Memberance [?] Keith 9 years old who composed the whole of his family and this is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country.

Sworn to and declared on this 23rd day of August A.D. 1820 and subscribed before me in open Court.

S/ CB Strong, Judge

S/ John Keith, J his mark

A list of John Keith property appraised by Spicer Madden & Grovey Cole

17 Head of Hogs valued at

\$44.00

40 lbs of Bacon

5.50  
\$49.50

[fn p. 9: on November 17, 1854 in Bibb County Georgia, Nancy Smith, formerly Nancy Keith, 51 years old and a resident of Twiggs County, Georgia, made oath that she is the widow of John Keith a soldier of the revolution who received a pension of \$8 per month from the government for his service in the revolution; that John Keith died in Twiggs County Georgia February 10, 1839 aged 91 years; that she married John Keith in Twiggs County August 1, 1831 or thereabout; that on July 3, 1845 in Twiggs County she married William Smith who died March 30th 1852 since which time she has remained a widow; that her maiden name prior to her marriages was Nancy West.]

[fn p. 13: marriage license dated July 30th 1832 issued in Twiggs County for the marriage of Mister John Keith to Miss Nancy West.]

[fn p. 14: marriage license dated July 2nd, 1845 issued in Twiggs County Georgia for the marriage of William E. Smith to Mrs. Nancy Keith.]