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Shenandoah County, Va.

On this 19th day of August - A.D. 1836, personally appeared before me Abalom Rinkhaw, Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid George T. Releas, a resident of the county and state aforesaid, in the seventy third year of his age, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision, made by the act of Congress, passed June the 7th 1832. That in the spring of the year 1781, there was a draught made upon the Militia of Shenandoah County aforesaid, for men to go across the Mountain into Hardy County in pursuit of some Tories, in which service he volunteered upon being promised that he should receive, for said service, a discharge for a term of Militia duty; that he marched from said County of Shenandoah under Capt. Jacob Rinker, to Hardy County aforesaid, and joined Co. C. Birds Regiment; and the militia being settled with said Tories without any fighting, he got a discharge from Co. C. Birds aforesaid for a term of Militia duty, and returned home about the first of June in said year 1781. That a few days after he returned home, as aforesaid, he volunteered again and marched from said County of Shenandoah, under Capt. Jacob Rinker aforesaid, to the City of Richmond, Virginia, and joined Co. C. Harrison's Regiment; and after remaining there one night, he marched, with said Regt. to Williamsburgh, where he remained until about the first of August in said year 1781, when said Regt. was discharged; and he received a discharge from Co. C. Harrison aforesaid; That about the first of September, in the same year 1781, there was a draught made upon the Militia of Shenandoah County aforesaid; and, that in said Regiment he was drafted for three months, and marched from said County of Shenandoah, under Capt. Herald, to Middle-York in Va., where he was attached to Co. C. Darke's Regt., and remained there during the winter, and after the surrender of Cornwallis, he was detached as one of the guard, to guard the prisoners taken at that place, and marched from thence as such, to Fredericksburgh Va. where he received a furlough, on the 31st day of October in said year 1781, from said Co. Darke to go home, on account of being sick; and ~~engaged~~ for ~~engaged~~ to remain at home until called for again; and he remained sick until about Christmas 1781; and that he was never called into service again but remained on furlough until the fall of the year 1782, when he returned his furlough to some of the Militia officers who had commanded while he was in service the last time mentioned above, and was finally discharged from the Army. The deponent declares that he was engaged in actual service upwards of ~~six~~ months; but the discharges aforesaid have been mislaid or lost. The deponent 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 of any state.

George Rinken

sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid, before me Abalom Rinken as aforesaid, and I hereby certify that the aforesaid George Heller is a man of truth and entitled to full confidence, and that he is unable, from bodily infirmity, to attend the court, and I hereby declare my opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states. Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of August A.D. 1836.

Virginia,

A. Rinken *Seal*

Shenandoah county set.

This day Christian Dellingen, aged about seventy one or two years, personally came before the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for said county, and made oath that he has been well acquainted with George Heller, subscriber to the declaration hereto annexed, about 65 years last past, and knows that the said George Heller served the last two mentioned in said declaration, (at Little York &c) as he, (the said Dellingen,) was with said Heller in the same service; and he frequently heard it talked in the neighbourhood that said Heller did serve the other two mentioned in said declaration, in the Revolutionary War: and that he has no hesitation in saying, that he is fully convinced the declaration hereto annexed, and sworn to by the said George Heller, is substantially true. I hereby certify that the said Christian Dellingen is a man of truth, and entitled to full confidence. Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of August A.D. 1836.

A. Rinken *Seal*

I, John Nicholas Schmucker, a clergyman residing in Shenandoah county Virginia, hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with George Heller, who has subscribed and sworn to the declaration hereto annexed, that I believe him to be about seventy three years of age; that from my own knowledge, as well as his general character, as a man of truth and veracity, as well as from other information, upon which I can fully rely, have no hesitation now declaring that it is my belief, that the said George Heller was engaged in the Revolutionary War, and served as he states in his declaration hereto annexed.

Virginia,

John Nicholas Schmucker

Shenandoah county set.

This day, John Nicholas Schmucker, a clergyman residing in the county aforesaid, personally came before me, Jacob Hauen, a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, and solemnly affirmed that the facts contained in his certificate hereto annexed, and by him subscribed are true; and I certify that his statement is entitled to full credit. Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of September A.D. 1836. Jacob Hauen *Seal*

In the Name of God Amen, I, George Keller of the county
of Shenandoah, and state of Virginia, being ~~weak~~^{weak} in body, but
of a sound disposing Mind and memory, do constitute make
and ordain this to be my last will and testament, in manner
and form following; that is to say: First I will and
devise that all my just debts (if any) and funeral charges
be paid out of my personal estate; Second, I give and
bequeath unto my two friends Philip Ruby and Philip Wilkin
to them and their heirs and assigns for ever, all my land and
plantation whercon I now reside, containing one hundred
and forty six acres, more or less, provided they the said
Ruby and Wilkins comply with and perform all and every
of the stipulations contained in an agreement entered into
between myself and them on the fourth day of this instant
and lodged in the hands of Absalom Parker, and in the
event of their, said Ruby and Wilkins, non-compliance
with the agreement aforesaid, then and in that case
this bequest shall be pronounced null and void, and the
same shall be inherited by those entitled to the same
had I died intestate; further I will and direct that
in either case whatsoever, there shall be reserved of my
land, about half an acre, adjoining Folly's land to
include the grave yard, for the sole use and benefit
of a burying ground for my neighbours and relations
for ever. Third, I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid friend
Philip Ruby the choice one of my houses or many, which
I give to him, his heirs, and assigns for ever. Fourth I
give and devise unto my friend Absalom Parker the sum
of Fifty dollars, current money, to be taken out of my
personal estate, placing every reliance and confidence in him
for which reason I do hereby appoint him my agent to see
and superintend that the above named Philip Ruby and
Philip Wilkin do in all and every instance perform and
comply with the above mentioned agreement. Fifth, I give
and bequeath all the remainder part of my estate not herein

disposed of unto my three friends Polly Shaver, widow of Philip Shaver deceased, John Stout and Anna Betty, to them their heirs and assigns forever, to be equally divided between them share and share alike. Further I do order and direct that no distribution shall be made to my last named devisees until after the decease of my wife Christina, the said last mentioned bequest to be retained in the hands of my executor, until that time, stated, shall arrive. Sixth and lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my aforesaid friend Absalom Pinkard, executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me made, ratifying and confirming this, and none other, as my last will and testament. In witness whereof the said George Keller have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six
Signed, sealed, published and
Declared as, and for, the last
will and testament of the
above named George Keller
in presence of us.

George Keller

Joshua Feltz

Thomas Corbin

Israel P. Pinkard

Lewis Fadely -

I, George Keller, of the county of Shenandoah, having made and duly executed my last will and testament, in writing, bearing date, on the sixth day of June 1836, now I do declare that this present writing to be as a codicil to my said will, and direct the same to be annexed thereto and taken as a part thereof. And I do give and bequeath unto Rebecca Penn, now of Isaac Penn, and to his heirs forever, an equal part or share with Polly Shaver, John Stout, and Anna Betty, of the