

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Kelly R2922

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State of Tennessee Cocke County: to wit

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1844 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace for said County Mrs. Nancy Dewitt aged Seventy-three years in August next who being duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the acts of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 1842 granting pensions to widows of persons who Served during the Revolutionary War, that she is the widow of George Kelly who was a Soldier in the war of the revolution he entered the Service in the State of Virginia and served three months as a private in the militia and came home and entered the service a Second time and served three months more making in all 6 months her husband the said George Kelly was honorably discharged but his discharge has been lost and owing to the Lapse of time and her age she does not recollect the officers under whom he served, but she is certain, as to the time. She further declares that she was married to the said George Kelly on the blank day of Seventeen hundred and ninety [indecipherable word could be "two"] and that her husband the aforesaid George Kelly died on the \_\_ day of 1820. And that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 (viz.): at the time above Stated. She further declares that after the death of the husband aforesaid she was married to Thomas DeWit that he died on the \_\_ day of 1837 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period.

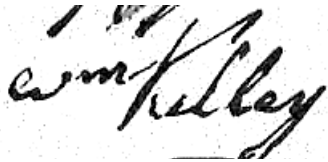
S/ Nancy Dewitt, X her mark

State of Tennessee Cocke County: On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1844 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County and State William Kelly who being duly Sworn according to [law] doth on his oath make the following affidavit that he was well acquainted with George Kelly who was a Soldier in the war of the revolution and served as a private in the militia he entered the Services in 1703 [sic, 1783?] in the State of Virginia under Major Prasser other officers not recollected and served two tours of three months each tower [tour]. This affiant further declares that the said Nancy Dewitt was well known to him and that the aforesaid Nancy Dewitt and George Kelly her husband was married in Buckingham County Virginia after the said George Kelly left the Service viz. on the \_\_ day of 1792. This affiant further declares that the said Nancy is a widow at this time – and that he is seventy-seven years of age.

S/ Wm Kelley

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<sup>1</sup> former widow

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phebe Kelley". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some ink bleed-through visible from the reverse side of the paper.

State of Tennessee Cocke County: On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1844 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Mrs. Phebe Kelly who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following affidavit that she is well acquainted with Mrs. Nancy Dewit was married to George Kelly on the \_\_\_ day of 1792 and that the said George Kelly her husband died on the \_\_\_ day of 1820 the marriage took place at my Father's house in Buckingham County in the State of Virginia and that she has since the death of the said George Kelly who was in the war of the revolution been married to Thomas DeWit who died on the \_\_\_ day of 1837 and that she has remained a widow ever since and is a widow at this time. This fian [sic, affiant] further certifies that she is 68 years of age.

S/ Phebe Kelley, X her mark