

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Kelley (Killey) R5833

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State of Indiana Spencer County Sct.

Be it remembered that a Probate Court continued and held at the Courthouse in Rockport in and for the County of Spencer in the State [of] Indiana on the ___ day of November in the year of our Lord 1845 William Kelley a soldier of the American Revolution appeared in open Court and made the following declaration under oath in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832 to wit. He was born in the State of Virginia on the 10th day of January 1760 and at or near the age of sixteen years entered the service of the United States or Colonies in the Militia on the Eastern Shore of Virginia who were stationed in the forts along the Coast & who service consisted in protecting the Coast from incursions of the enemy, small parties were sent off about 6 or 8 from the forts at a time to guard the Coast & inlets along the same who were every few days relieved by a similar party from the forts, when this applicant first entered the Service Southey Simpson was his Colonel who died and was succeeded by his son Selby or Shelby Simpson, William Young then became Major and Richard Justus or Justis Captain. This petitioner continued in the service between 4 & 5 years and when finally discharged as to afford no certificate of discharge and has no written evidence of his service and has not for many years past seen anyone acquainted with the same and knows of no one by whom he can prove it. After the close of the war he lived for some years in Virginia, he then removed to the state of Maryland and resided in Dorchester & Somerset Counties for about eleven years, he then removed to Kentucky & lived at Port William mouth of Kentucky River for about six years and then removed to Indiana & has been a Citizen of Spencer County for the last thirty years.

He is acquainted with John W Graham former judge of the Circuit Court, with John H Smith a clergyman, James C Veatch and James T Morgan who can vouch as to his credibility. He was never engaged in any battle at the battle of Yorktown & capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] his post of service was near enough for him to distinctly hear the cannon. He has never received any pension or annuity nor is his name on any Pension roll or agency within the United States, and he hereby relinquishes all claim to any such pension or annuity except the present. He was sometimes called Killey, and if there is any record or roll in existence containing his name and service it may be entered there on William Killey.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on this ___ day of November 1845

[Note: The above declaration was never signed and no attesting witnesses vouched for the credibility of the claimant.]

State of Indiana Perry County: SS

Personally on this day came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for said County William S Lamb of said County of lawful age who being duly sworn makes oath & says that he did by the request of the within named William Kelly (now deceased) draw up make out and prepare the within statement & declaration for the said Kelly under his direction on or about the 6th day of November A.D. 1845, and that it was the intention of said Kelly to have gone before the next probate Court thereafter to be held in & for the within named County of Spencer to make oath to the said statements & declaration, who was prevented from so doing by sickness & bodily infirmity as affiant was informed & believes & further says not.

S/ Wm S. Lamb

subscribed & sworn to before me at my office in Rome in said County on this 31st day of May 1847

S/ Samuel Frisbie, JP

[p. 7: On October 12, 1847 in Spencer County Indiana, William J Kelly, 57, filed a claim on behalf of himself and the surviving children of his father William Kelly for a pension under the June 7th 1832 act; that his father William Kelly died in Spencer County Indiana March 18, 1846 aged 86 years leaving no widow but children surviving him to wit: Jacob Kelly a resident of said Spencer County and Elizabeth Ruble resident of Spencer County and the deponent, being the only surviving children of his father.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. Kelly". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.