

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Kelly R5837

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The State of Alabama Dallas County

On this thirteenth day of July in the year of our Lord 1835 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable George R Evans Judge of the Court of the County of Dallas and State of Alabama, said Court being a Court of record, and so expressly declared to be by the statutes of the State of Alabama.

Andrew Kelly a resident of and in the County & State aforesaid, aged eighty-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served for the periods hereinafter named and for the times & in the manner herein after set forth, that is to say,

First. That he the said Andrew Kelly volunteered his services – the time he cannot recollect, but he was 24 or 25 years of age & was born in 1752. It was in Lexington District (then Orangeburg) in the State of South Carolina, his Captain was Drayer [sic, Godfrey Dreher, Jr.]. That he continued to serve in said Corps for at least three months, when he was discharge from the service in South Carolina at Captain Drayer's. – That during this engagement, he with others were detailed as a lifeguard to Captain Drayer who had killed a Tory. Drayer since moved to Mississippi & died there as he is informed & believes.

Secondly. That he again entered the service of his Country as a drafted man under the command of Lieutenant Ramey [?] his neighbor who afterwards moved to Georgia: he cannot specify the time when he served under this engagement [but it was] at least two months and was of the guard who guarded the Tory women down to Bacon's Bridge, eighteen miles from Charleston, where they were met by the British flag of truce & the women then taken to Charleston, he went no further – his Major in this Corps was Morgan. At the expiration of this tour, he was discharged from the service at place he entered, to wit, Orangeburg District, South Carolina.

Thirdly. He again (time not remembered) entered the service of his Country in South Carolina, under Captain Gartman [possibly George Gortman, could be Bartholomew Gortman] as Captain, in the Regiment or Corps of Colonel Beard [possibly Jonas Beard], under the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] of South Carolina – he was drafted this time & served at least two months, when he was again honorably discharged. During this engagement he went as one of 700 troops under the command aforesaid to Bacon's Bridge, it is eighteen miles from Charleston, went to protect General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army lying some miles off. Declarant went as a Waggoner & from there & during said engagement went in a company of twenty-five Wagons to Stono for provisions for Greene's Army. He cannot state the names of any regular officer. His services was entirely in the militia & detached from any regular Army. He never received any written discharge from any of his officers, and at this time

does not know of anyone who can testify to his services. He was in many other little parties. Once piloted Colonel Washington a day & night through the Country. In addition to above [he] went as one of a company to rebuild Congaree bridge, which had been burned by the British.

When the British landing at Savannah his Regiment was all called up at a branch in Orangeburg District (now Lexington) South Carolina & took the oath of Allegiance to the United States. This branch in consequence of it has always since been called "Swearing branch." 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.

S/ Andrew földt [?]



Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid  
S/ Geo. R. Evans, Judge C. C.

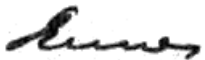
And thereupon the said Court propounded to said Andrew Kelly the several Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, to which he made the following answers, to wit.

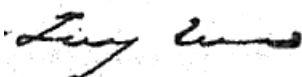
1. To the first interrogatory: That he was born in the Atlantic Ocean on the passage of his parents from Germany to South Carolina, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1752
2. To the second Interrogatory: That he has at his home in the County of Dallas, Alabama, a record of his Age, made on a piece of paper by his Schoolmaster, when he went to school. It is in Dutch.
3. To the third Interrogatory: That at the several times before mentioned when he entered the service he lived in Orangeburg District (now Lexington) South Carolina, and that since the revolution he continued to reside in said District until about three years ago, when he removed to Dallas County, Alabama, where he now resides.
4. To the fourth Interrogatory: That during the first period or engagement as before mentioned he was a Volunteer & during the two last engagements or periods he was drafted.
5. To the fifth Interrogatory: That he was not acquainted with any of the regular Officers, and he was with no Regiments or bodies of Continental troops except those mentioned in the foregoing declaration, which contains all the general Circumstances of his Service, which he now recollects.
6. To the sixth Interrogatory: That he never did receive any written discharge from the service.
7. To the seventh Interrogatory: That he is known to Samuel Kelly, [indecipherable 1<sup>st</sup> name]<sup>1</sup> R. Kelly (they are his sons), Martin Taylor of the immediate neighborhood: the Reverend William S Smith who has lived in the neighborhood & now lives nearer than any other Clergyman: they can testify as to my character for Veracity & their belief of my services in the Revolution as a Soldier. Also Jacob Kinard [sic, Jacob Kynerd] here in Court has known me for many years when I lived in South Carolina. He & Livy Evans [?]<sup>2</sup> can testify as to the belief in the neighborhood where I came from in Carolina.

[William S. Smith, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Martin Taylor likewise gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup>  possibly "James R. Kelly"

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[Jacob Kynerd gave an affidavit as to the applicant's reputation as a soldier of the revolution while he was living in South Carolina.]

[Note: A note in the file indicates that the claim was rejected because the veteran failed to prove that he served 6 months in a military capacity.]