

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kelly [Kelley] R5845

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State of South Carolina District of Richland: On this twenty ninth day of July in the year of our Lord 1851 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of the Court of Ordinary in open Court, now sitting, Hampton H. Kelly a resident of the District of Richland in the State of South Carolina, aged fifty-one 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: That he is the son & heir at law of John Kelly deceased who entered the service in the war of the Revolution and served under the following named officers as herein stated: That said John Kelly deceased as this Deponent has been informed and verily believes was at the time of said war living in what is now Fairfield District in this State and towards the close of the said war volunteered as a private horseman in the company commanded by Captain Jacob Barnet [Jacob Barnett] in the Regiment of Horse commanded by Colonel Henry Hampton in Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade State Troops, in which capacity he served as this Deponent believes not less than ten months: That after the close of said war he continued to reside in said District of Fairfield and died at an advanced age on the 19th day of January in the year of our Lord 1842: That his said father John Kelly deceased who served as aforesaid has frequently told this Deponent of his having been in the service and in the battles at Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]¹ King's Mountain [October 7, 1780],² & Cowpens [January 17, 1781].³ That he left no widow this Deponent's mother having died previous to his said father: That his said father refused in his lifetime to make application for pension because he alleged that he had plenty [to] do him his lifetime.

That after his father's death and at the sale of his father's property this Declarant's brother Frost Kelly who has since moved to the State of Mississippi bought an old trunk containing the old "papers of his said father" and a portion of his said father's horseman's uniform which he had in his lifetime declared was part of that which he wore in said service in said war. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension for his said father services except the present and declares that his said father's name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State. In proof of these several allegations this Declarant submits the accompanying evidence.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ James L. Guignard, Judge

S/ H. H. Kelley

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

H. H. Kelly

[C. Neuffer and Washington Moye [or Maye] gave affidavit as to the credibility of the deponent.]

[p 9: South Carolina Comptroller General's office certificate dated November 1, 1851 which reads "This is to certify that it appears from the A Roll of Captain Jacob Barnett's Troop in Lieutenant Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment of Light Dragoons commanded by Brigadier General Sumter 16th March 1782 that John Kelly a private served in the same for the space of 10 months."]

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State of South Carolina District of Richland: Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Magistrate in & for said District, Theophilus Wilson⁴ who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state. That he is now 86 years of age & has from boyhood lived in Fairfield District South Carolina and is now a pensioner of the State of South Carolina on account of his Revolutionary Services: Deponent had a father & three brothers in the American service: That John Kelly the father of the present Hampton H. Kelly was then a resident of said District and Deponent knew him during the war and saw him in service under Colonel Hampton attached to the Brigade of Cavalry commanded by General Sumter and that John Stewart who also belonged to his same neighborhood with this Deponent was in the same service with said John Kelly: That the time of service for which this Brigade was out was generally considered 10 months. That after the war said John Kelly lived in deponents neighborhood until his death about 9 years ago: That this Deponent is entirely disinterested in any amount which said son H H Kelly may recover on account of his said father's services.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day March 1852.

S/ A. Fitch, Magt.

S/ Theophilus Wilson, P his mark

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to John Kelley (Kelly) AA37

Audited Account Microfilm file No. 4208

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[p 4: Note: one document on this page is illegibly faint; the other is faint but I have tried to decipher it as best I could as follows:

Fairfield County} Before me William Kirkland Esquire Appeared John Kelley and made oath that he never received any Pay for his servitude in the State Troops in Colonels Henry and Wade Hampton's Regiments Captain Barnett's Company nor any Clothing but one Shirt and one pair of overalls. Sworn to October 12th 1786

S/ William Kirkland, JP

John Kelley, X his mark

⁴ SC2036

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 273 Book M dated 1st of October 1784 “delivered to Mr. John Kelly late Private in Barnett’s [Jacob Barnett’s] Troop, H Hampton’s [Henry Hampton’s] Regiment Sumpter’s [Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last.”]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Peter Bocquet, Commissioner of the South Carolina treasury, Thomas Sumter and Henry Hampton. How either of these men obtained an interest in the Indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]