

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Kelsey R5850

Margaret Kelsey

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State of Indiana Monroe County: Monroe Probate Court August Term 1847

On this 12th day of August 1847 personally appeared in open Court now in Session at the Court house in the Town of Wilmington in the State and County and State aforesaid, Mrs. Margaret Kelsey, a resident of the County of Monroe and State aforesaid aged eighty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, granting pensions to certain widows; That she is the Widow of Hugh Kelsey late deceased of Chester district South Carolina who was a soldier in the Army of the revolution, and served the United States against the common enemy as follows, First her said husband commenced his services in the month of March in the year 1776 as a volunteer under Captain Dixon for the defense of Charleston and served in this campaign one month, he afterwards enlisted under the said Captain Dixon for the term of two years, but was discharged at the end of one year; he was afterwards drafted, and commenced his tour of service on the 4th of March 1779 under Captain Whiteside [[Hugh Whiteside], and served four or five months, and was at Charleston when General Provost [Augustine Prevost] made his attack on that place in the month of May 1779. A few days before the battle at the fish pond he entered the Army (or rather the small party) of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] Regiment he was in was commanded by Colonel Edward Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey], and to the best of my recollection my brother Captain John Mills commanded the Company to which he belonged; he was with General Sumter at the above named place (on Broad River) on the 12th of November 1780, when the said Sumter was attacked at that place by a corps of British infantry and Dragoons commanded by Major Weymes [sic, James Wemyss] of house burning memory; he continued in Sumter's Army and was in the engagement at Blackstock's¹ near Tyger River on the 20th of the above month (November) but cannot now recollect precisely the date of his return home from this tour of service, but I know he was at home when our oldest daughter was born, which was in March 1781 but started again a few weeks after that event on another tour of service under General Sumter and Colonel Lacey, but cannot at this time recollect who was the Captain that commanded the company he was in. (It was about this time that my brother commenced raising his State Troop) he was but 3 or 4 weeks on service at this time. After his return home he was appointed by my brother Captain Mills [John Mills] as holster or harness maker to his troop, and employed in making holsters, sword scabbards, waist belts and caps.

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

And further I declare that I was married to the said Hugh Kelsey on the 30th of March 1780; That my husband the said Hugh Kelsey died on the 18th day of June 1817, and that I have remained his widow ever since that period. I also declare that I have a family reared viz. Mary who married March 1808 and now a resident of the State of Tennessee and has had 7 children, Elizabeth not married; Jennet married August 1810 had 7 children she died in Carolina, Margaret was married April 1813 has had 10 children and if living so far as I know is a resident of the State of Mississippi. Susannah was married February 1822, has had 8 children is now a resident of this State: Thomas was married September 1825 has 8 children and is now a resident of the State of Indiana. And I further declare that I have no record entered of my husband's services, neither do I know that any were such record now exist.

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court on the day & date above written.

S/ Margaret Kelsey, X her mark

S/ Milton M. Phetridge, Clerk

[p 10: handwritten letter from Margaret Kelsey (reportedly signed by her) addressed to the Commissioner of Pensions forwarding her application and explaining that she was unaware of her entitlement to a pension until a few months previous to making application for it.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Hugh Kelsey pp9³
 Audited Account No. 4219

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[p 2]

[No. 331 Book I 23rd May, 1785]

Mr. Hugh Kelsey his Account of Sundries for Militia use in 1780, 1781 & 1783

Amounting to £6.9.3 ¼ Stg. [Sterling]

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received May the 23rd 1785 the full Amount of the within Account (by Virtue of an Order) in a Treasury Indent No. 331 I by Virtue of an Order

S/ Hugh White

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State of South Carolina Dr [Debtor] to Hugh Kelsey

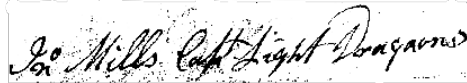
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| Commenced 5 th of | To twenty three Days a Soldier Under Capt. Mills [John Mills] at 10 S [10 shillings old SC Currency] per day | 11 | 10 | 0 |
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² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

³ pp 6-9 relate to Robert Kelsey, not this veteran

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| November 1780 | | | | |
| May 6 1781 | To thirteen Days a Sergeant under Capt. Cooper [probably John Cooper] at 12 S 6 D per day | 8 | 2 | 6 |
| January 25 1783 | To fourteen Days a Sergeant under Lieut. McGeachy [probably James McGaughey] at 12 S6 D per day | 8 | 15 | 0 |
| May 31 1781 | To twenty seven pair of Shoes made for the troops under Capt. Mills at 12 – 6 per pay or | 16 | 17 | 6 |
| | | £45 | 15 | 0 |
| | Total | £6 | 9 | 3 ¼ |

Rec'd from Hugh Kelsy [sic] Twenty Seven pair of Shoes By Me
S/ Jno. Mills Capt. Light Dragoons



[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 331 Book I]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

April 1786 I do hereby assign Over to Robert Tate his Heirs or Assigns the within Certificate principal & interest due or to be due, value received

Witness

S/ Jas. Houston

S/ Hugh Kelsey

