

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Kelley (Kelly)¹ S13595 Sally Kelley f27VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 11/10/13

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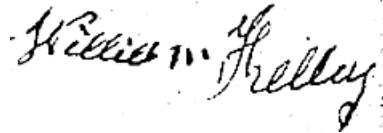
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State of Kentucky Mercer County

This day William Kelley a revolutionary Soldier and a resident Citizen of the County of Mercer came into open court and made oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War. I William Kelley now in the 70th year of my age being first sworn according to law do hereby declare that he was born in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia and in the fall of the year 1780 [?] he entered for three months in the militia [several illegibly faint words] of State of Virginia then employed in the revolutionary war in Captain H. [last name is illegibly faint] of Colonel J Green's Regiment and was marched against Tarlton's [Banastre Tarleton's] horse and was marched to Richmond where [several illegibly faint words] discharged at Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills], [several illegibly faint words] home I was drafted in the militia [several illegibly faint words] under the same Captain [several indecipherably faint words] and we were marched to Richmond and to [several indecipherably faint words] latter place we were stationed [several indecipherably faint words] marches until the expiration of three months when we were again discharged from service having served two tours of three months each from which I was honorably discharged, and again in the summer of the year 1781 I volunteered for three months in Captain [name too faint to discern] Company of the same Regiment and we marched to Fredericksburg [?] [several indecipherably faint words] until about 10 days before Lord Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781] when Captain [name is illegibly faint] was again honorably discharged after the expiration of my time having in the whole performed nine months service in the militia of Virginia engaged in the revolutionary war. I further state that I have lost or mislaid all my discharges, and that I hereby relinquish all claim that I may have to any pension or annuity except the Present, That I am not now a Pensioner of the United States, or of any state, Witness my hand this 9 day of August 1832

S/ William Kelley

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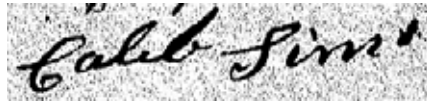
I William Kelley further state that I resided in the County of Culpepper [sic] when I was called into the service of the militia of Virginia and resided there during the war and until the year 1800 when I removed to the State of Kentucky where I have resided ever since.

S/ William Kelley

[p 25: Martin C Duncan, a clergyman, and Garland Sims gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Mercer County viz.: This day Caleb Sims came into open court and made oath that I am well acquainted with the above named William Kelly who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. I am his neighbor and knew him in the State of Virginia during the Revolutionary War, and I well recollect of his serving one tour of three months in the year before Lord Cornwallis was taken I was too young myself to be in the Army but I know that said Kelly went out, and the other tour which he states he served I have often heard him speak of serving 6 months, in the revolutionary war soon after the war and many years since & further state that the said Kelly is a man of Truth and veracity and is reputed in his neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution. Witness my hand this 9th August 1832.

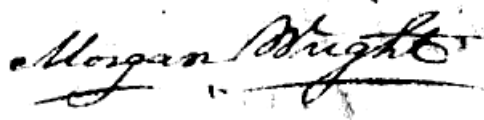
S/Caleb Sims



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I Morgan Wright of the County of Washington State of Kentucky make oath in Open Court that in the year 1781 I served a Tour of duty from the County of Culpeper State of Virginia 72 days in the Militia and Colonel Robert Alcock's Regiment General Edward Stevens' Brigade, Chief Commander General Fayette [Lafayette], I was discharged the 27th of July in the same year about 20 miles below the Town of Richmond on James River at a place called Maubin Hills [Malvern Hills], William Kelley says he served in the same Regiment & was discharged at the same time & place & I believe from his Relation of facts & Circumstances which took place in said Campaign coming in my own knowledge, that he must have served in said Tour, I have been Generally acquainted with said Kelley from his youth, & believe him to be a man of truth & honesty, Given under my hand this 21st day of August 1832

S/ Morgan Wright²



[p 7: On April 4, 1855 in Mercer County Kentucky, Sally Kelly, 78, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of William Kelly; that she married him in July 1831; that they were married by Martin Duncan A minister; that her name before her marriage was Sally Atkinson; that her husband died in Mercer County Kentucky September 22, 1854. She signed her

² This veteran is not one of the pensioners under the Federal pension laws. This MAY be the only record of his service.

application with her mark.]

[Certified copy of a marriage license issued for William Kelley Senior to marry Sally Adkisson for service performed by Martin Duncan August 12, 1830 in Mercer County Kentucky]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow received a bounty land warrant for his services.]