

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Kelley S16433

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State of Kentucky Daviess County SS

On this 11th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before The Honourable Alney McLean Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now Sitting James Kelley a resident of said County and State aged Seventy four 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 aforesaid. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. The first tour as well as this applicant remembers was in the year 1778 [sic] under Captain James Bluford [sic: James Buford] in Colonel [Charles] Lewis regiment and Gen'l Christy [Col. William Christian] Commander in Chief. The said Tour was against the Cherokee Indians and lasted two months [Oct and Nov 1776]. The second Tour performed by this applicant was in the year 1779 [early 1778] as well as now recollected under Captain John Paxton – our Col was George Skillron [sic: George Skillern] and our Commander was General [Edward] Hand. This tour was against the Shawnee Indians [the “Squaw Campaign”] and lasted as well as now recollected for two months. In both these tours the applicant was a citizen of Bedford – in the tower under Bluford he was a Volenteer – in the other he was drafted

The third tour performed was in the year 1780 & was for eight months & was against the British. the said applicant haveing been drafted was enrolled himself as a state soldier under John Graves Captain. James Lucus Colonel. General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] Commander. during this tour we had a skirmish with Tarltons horse [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton’s Legion] at Sloans ferry on the Yadkin river

The fourth Tour was three months at the siege of York when Lord Cornwallis was Captured [19 Oct 1781] our Captain was Calloway [Callaway] and Col was [St. George] Tucker our General was [Robert] Lawson as well as now recollected from all of which Tours your applicant was honourably discharged and which discharges are all lost except one signed by John Graves now in the possession of the honourable Albert G. Hawes & which will be (by his promise) annexed hereto and presented herewith [not found]. your petitioner being promoted to the office of Serjeant. he has no other documentary evidence & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can Testify to the aforesaid Service. This applicant resided in the County of Bedford (during the aforesaid terms of service) in the state of Virginia and continued a citizen of Virginia untill about the year 1817 when he removed to Kentucky. he was from Information from his ancestors born in 1758. he now resides in Daviess County Kentucky. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. he moreover annexes the corroborating proof of Jno Pinkston & Joseph Hale as required

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

[signed] James Kelley