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Pension Application of Richard Kelly S1680

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State of Tennessee }

Carter County }

On this 13th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Richard Kelly a resident of said County aged seventy last march 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 the 7th June 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated towit that he was born in Frederick County State of Virginia on the 26th day of March 1763 according to the traditionary account, as also from the record of his age in his fathers family bible, now in his possession; that he was raised in said County of Frederick and there continued until the year 1780 when in said year on the first of July he substituted in the place of one Martin Coleman who was drafted to perform a tour of duty in the Virginia Militia & enrolled himself under Cap'n Lewis Hickman, Col George Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark], head commander & Cols Logan & [William] Lynn each subordinates, that he marched to the falls of Ohio [at present Louisville KY] and thence to Chilacothoa (so called at that time) tho' a different place from the present chilacotha [Chillicothe OH], that the object of the expedition was to retake four hundred British prisoners which had been taken and conveyed in that direction, that the Indians burned what was then called Chilacotha (their town) and had embodied at Pickaway towns [sic: Piqua and other towns], and made resistance, and an engagement took place [8 Aug] and the Indians were routed & driven back – that owing to the scarcity of provisions the men had great difficulty to subsist and amidst starvation & subsisted hunting after they got out of Indian settlements, and he returned home in November, that part of the way he was sick and diffculted to travel, that he was verbally discharged after performing his tour being four months, besides the time of returning home

Again in 1781 1st of March he was drafted to perform a three months tour of duty in the Virginia Militia and enrolled under Capn John Longacre, Col Gutery[?] was the Colonel, and was at Winchester Barrax [sic: Winchester Barracks] some time & marched with the prisoners from Winchester Barrax where they were guarded to Lancaster in Pennsylvania to be exchanged, and obtained his discharge at the Barricks & removeing to Lancaster the prisoners, for which he obtained his discharge from Capn Longacre, and which discharge he left with one Mathew Compton who removed to Kentucky & took his discharge with him, and he has neither heard from him since nor been able to obtain his discharge which was for three months tour of duty.

He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state. That he has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person by whom he can establish his said service, but that George Emmart Esq and George Lacey are persons well known to him & he to them & by whom he can establish reputation of his service, there being no minister of the Gospel resident in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts required by the War department.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this date first written

[signed] Richard Kelly