

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lloyd Kelley S31790

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Georgia, Hancock County

On this fourth day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable Joel Crawford, John S. Swinney, Wilson Bird & Wilkins Smith Esquires Justices of the Inferior Court of said County now sitting, Lloyd Kelley a resident of Hancock County and State of Georgia aged seventy-six years, who first being 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated under Captain Ottery [probably either Capt. John Autery or Capt. Alexander Autery] from Wilkes County Georgia does not remember the date and served under him for ten months – principally against the Indians and Tories in Georgia, he under Captain Ottery was in an engagement [Carr's Fort, February 10, 1779]<sup>1</sup> against the British and Tories in Wilkes County at Carr's fort [Robert Carr's fort], the British were commanded by Colonel or Major Hamilton [John Hamilton, a Tory commander] – he fought under the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] – there were in service at this engagement Colonel Dooly [John Dooly], Col. Clarke [Elijah Clarke], Captains Gunnells, Stewart, George Dooly and Barker four days thereafter General Pickens' Army of which he was one attacked Colonel Boyd [James Boyd] commanding the British at Kettle Creek [February 14, 1779]<sup>2</sup> in Georgia.

After being in service 10 months under Captain Ottery he returned to Montgomery [County], North Carolina and volunteered in the County of light Horse under Captain Kimbell [Buckner Kimbrell] commanded by Colonel Loftin [William Lofton], served three months tour in scouring the County of Tories was in no regular action.

He next volunteered under Captain Cole [William Cole] of Rowan County served under him in the County light horse three tours of three months each, commanded by Colonel Loftin each time.

After this he volunteered under Captain West Harris two tours of duty of three months each in the County light Horse scouring Montgomery County mostly but sometimes out of the County and once went into South Carolina and then returned to Captain Harris's at head quarters.

After this [he] volunteered under Captain Gilmore [Samuel Gilmore] for three months from Montgomery County in the light horse commanded by Colonel Loftin.

After this he volunteered under Captain Isaac B. Ross, Captain Ross was under the command of Colonel Hampton marched to the Congaree [River] in South Carolina in a small skirmish at Dorchester 21 miles from Charleston making in the aggregate of 28 months he was in service.

He states he was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1756 or '57 does not know which year. Has no record of his age. He received discharges which got burnt up, signed by Kimbill,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.gpb.org/news/2013/05/06/ga-archaeologists-find-revolutionary-fort> & <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/1779-skirmish/#790210> (search "Carr's Fort")

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>

Harris & Col. Gilmore.

Was living in Wilkes County Georgia when first called into service afterwards called into service in Montgomery County North Carolina, came to Georgia shortly after the War and lived in Hancock all the time since.

Were classed 1, 2, 3, & 4 went according to class don't remember the class he belonged to, volunteered and was twice a substitute, first for Joseph Fry & second for Josiah Reeves.

There were no regular troops where he served, Received as many as six discharges which were burnt in his house many years since.

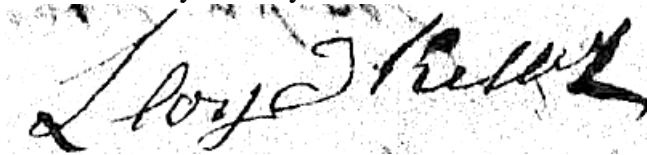
Benjamin Thompson<sup>3</sup> knows of his services in Georgia

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

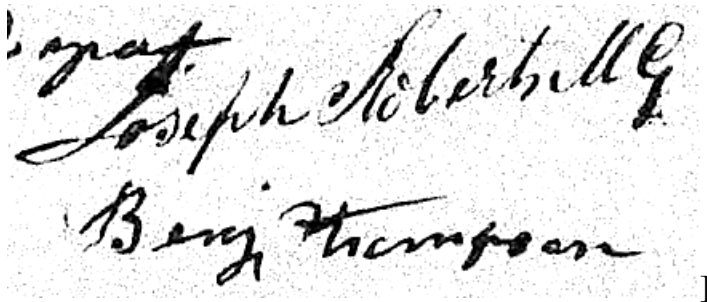
Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Rogers, Clk.

S/ Lloyd Kelley



[Joseph Roberts, a clergyman, and Benjamin Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition, Thompson "... further certifies that the greatest part of his services as set forth as having been performed under Captain Ottery of Georgia come within his knowledge as being true and that they served together under Captain Ottery, that he has lived in the same County with him for the last 40 years and has never heard it doubted but that he served in the Army of the United States in North Carolina."



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Georgia Hancock County: Inferior Court of said County Sitting for Ordinary Purposes

Present their Honors

Joel Crawford

John L Swinney

John W Raburn &

Wilson Bird Justices

Personally appeared in open Court Lloyd Kelly [sic] and being duly sworn deposeth and saith in addition to what he the said Lloyd Kelly heretofore to wit on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833 before the Inferior Court of said County did depose and swear

That at the time he was called into service under Captain Ottery as stated in his former declaration, he thinks it was about the year 1778 or 9, that the service performed under Captain Kimball was the ensuing year thereafter, that the periods or particular dates this deponent from length of time cannot precisely state, that the deponent was not during the time employed in any civil pursuit

<sup>3</sup> [Benjamin Thompson S32016](#)

whatever, that the officers under which he has stated he served were called out he then supposed and yet supposes under the Competent Authority of the United States and that he served under a Corps, that said periods of service heretofore mentioned are correct; that there is no person by whom he can prove his services now living within his knowledge except Benjamin Thompson whose affidavit he has heretofore been had, that he served under Captain Ross as stated 3 months.

Sworn to & subscribed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833 in open court

S/ Henry Rogers, Clerk

S/ Lloyd Kelley

Answers of Lloyd Kelly to Interrogatories by the Inferior Court sitting as a Court of Ordinary

I was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1756 he thinks

Has no record of his age.

Was living in Wilkes County Georgia when 1<sup>st</sup> called into service afterwards lived in Montgomery County North Carolina, came to Georgia shortly after the War, and lived in Hancock County Georgia ever since.

Was classed numbers 1, 2, 3 & 4 went into service according to class he belonged to \_\_\_ he went once a volunteer and twice a substitute first for Joseph Fery and 2<sup>nd</sup> for Josiah Reeves

The names of officers already stated, served at no time in Company with regular troops

Received as many [as] six discharges which were burnt in his house many years past which were signed by Kimbell, Harris, Ottery & Gilmore & Cole

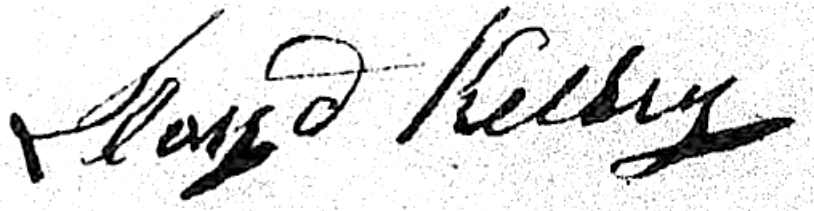
He is known by the the most persons in his neighborhood [including] the Reverend Joseph Roberts & Benjamin Thompson who have testified have long been acquainted with him

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Georgia, Hancock County

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Inferior Court for the County & State aforesaid Lloyd Kelley, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and in the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but, according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the grade of a private soldier upon a more thorough recollection, he deposes and says that his term of service under Captain Ottery was nine, and not 10, months as heretofore stated. That the reason of such prolonged service beyond the usual term of militia service at that period was the peculiar condition of the Country which rendered it necessary for the protection of it against the British, the Tories and Indians, that the intervals of service in the field should be in Garrison and that during the whole period of nine months above stated, that when he was not actively engaged in the field he was performing Garrison duty in Carr's Fort in Wilkes County, Georgia. That he performed a three months service as heretofore stated under Captain Kimball, that he served three several tours of three months each under Captain Cole, that he also served two tours of three months each under Captain West Harris as before stated, that he afterwards performed one tour of three months under Captain Gilmore, and that he afterwards performed a tour under Captain Ross and that the aggregate of his various tours of service is not less than 27 months. That his service with Captain Ottery commenced towards the close of the year 1778, and ended about the month of August 1779. That his service with Captain Kimball was in the latter part of 1779. That his service with Captain Cole was rendered in the year 1780, and that his services with Captains Gilmore and Ross were rendered in the year 1781. That by reason of age and loss of memory he cannot be more particular either as to the length of service, the year when rendered or the circumstances, which attended it.

S/ Lloyd Kelley

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Kelly". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 30<sup>th</sup> June 1834.

S/ John L. Swinney, JIC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$97.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 for service as a private in the Cavalry for 3 years in the South Carolina militia.]