

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Kelly S32352

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State of Alabama Wilcox County

On this the 10th day of October 1833 -- personally appeared before me John W. Bridger, Judge of the County Court of said County, Peter Kelly a resident of said County & State at his residence, he being unable to attend Court -- on account of bodily infirmity -- aged eighty-two 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 passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service sometime in the month of March in the year 1776, under Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson]: Major Mason Captain Parinhuff [sic, Peyerim Hoff or John Lewis Peyer Imhoff] (who died soon after he entered the service) he was then placed under the command of Captain Brown [Richard Brown], that he entered the service for the term of 15 months -- and at the expiration of his time of service he received a discharge from Colonel Thompson on the 15th of June in the year 1777. That at the time when he entered the Service of the United States he resided in Lawrence district [sic, Laurens District] in the State of South Carolina. That soon afterwards he was marched to a place 10 miles from Charleston in the same State, where he was Stationed for several weeks, -- Then he was carried over to Sullivan's Island, and that he was in Fort Moultrie at the time the attack was made by the British fleet [June 28, 1776].² He further states that while on Sullivan's Island he was under the command of General Lee [Charles Lee]. That he was also acquainted with Colonels Moultrie [William Moultrie] & Gadsden [Christopher Gadsden]. That he remained upon Sullivan's Island for several weeks after which he returned to the interior of the State and was Stationed on Congaree River, where he remained for some months under Colonel Thompson during which time he was employed against the Tories, and that the remainder of his time of Service was spent in the middle & lower part of the State, that he was engaged in no other battle after he left Sullivan's Island and at the time he received his discharge, he was at the Utaw Springs [sic, Eutaw Springs] -- The Applicant further states that after he returned home from Eutaw Springs, he remained about __ months when he was drafted in the Militia under Lieutenant Colonel McCrary [Robert McCrary], & Colonel Williams [James Williams], (who was afterwards killed at the battle of Kings Mountain) -- also under Captain James Dillard & Lieutenant McCrary, and that he was engaged against the Indians, upon the frontier, -- That he was with General Williamson [Andrew Williamson], and under his command in an excursion after the Cherokees, in which they burned several of the

¹ The original application is more legible on HeritageQuest than on Fold3.com, even with image manipulation.

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

Indian Towns, that in this excursion he was in the Service about six weeks. -- That he was afterwards frequently called into the service, for short periods a part of the time he was under Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens] afterwards General Pickens that his latter services were performed entirely in protecting the Country against the depredations of the Tories.

He further States that he has lost his only discharge which he ever received, and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. 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.

Interrogatories by the Judge

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A: He was born in Ireland, he thinks in the year 1751 -- He landed at Annapolis in Maryland in 1766 -- & he thinks he was 15 years of age he was at that time and when he left Ireland and a previous to a cabinet Mechanic.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A: He has no record of his age.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: He was living when called into service in Laurens district in South Carolina. Soon after the Revolutionary war, he removed to Wilkes County in the State of Georgia, -- where I lived about 2 years, then he removed to Greene County in Georgia, where he remained about 5 years, and returned to Laurens district in South Carolina, where he resided about 14 years, -- Then he removed to the State of Kentucky -- Livingston County, where he resided about 11 years, then he removed to Wilcox County in the State of Alabama, where he now lives.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A: When I first entered the service, I was a volunteer and served 15 months, I was afterwards drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A: He was acquainted with General Lee, he does not recollect that he knew any other Regular Officers for the General Circumstances of his service he refers to the above declaration, It was his early misfortune to receive no education and was unable to keep any record of the events which occurred in his early life and many of the incidents of that day have measurably faded from his memory.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A: He received a discharge signed by Colonel Thompson -- he does not now know what has become of it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A: He mentions the names of Solomon Perkins a minister of the Gospel, and said Zacheus Green [?] -- both of whom reside in his immediate neighborhood. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Kelly, X his mark

[Solomon Perkins, a clergyman, and Zacheus Green gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Wilcox County: On this 20th day of March A.D. 1834 Personally appeared before me William J. Dexter an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Peter Kelly a resident of said County and State he being unable to attend Court on account of bodily infirmity who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath doth make the following amendment and explanation to the preceding declaration (hereto attached) in order to obtain the benefit of the act of June 7th 1832. That he Enlisted in the regular service for the period of fifteen months, and that after the expiration of said service he received a discharge from Colonel Thompson on the 15th day of June A.D. 1777.

He further saith on his oath and explanation to the answer of the fourth Question proposed by the Honorable John W. Bridge [balance of the line is illegible] County, that he first served in the militia for a period of two months under the command of General Richardson, And that he afterwards in the month of March 1776 enlisted under the command of Colonel Thompson, Major Mason, Captain Parinhuff and afterwards under Captain Brown in the regular service for the period as above stated of fifteen months -- and continued in said service from the period of his enlistment, until discharged by Colonel Thompson on the 15th day of June 1777 -- And for the General history of his services, refers to his original declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above mentioned.

S/ Wm J. Dexter, JP

S/ Peter Kelly, X his mark

State of Alabama Wilcox County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in and for said County Peter Kelly who being duly sworn deposes and says, that reasonably [sic, by reason] of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length and dates of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served for not less than the periods mentioned below -- For one year and 3 months I served as a regular enlisted private, and for such service I claim a pension.
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 20th March 1834

S/ Peter Kelly, X his mark

S/ Wm J. Dexter, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 3 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Peter Kelly
Audited Account No. 4211

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³ 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.

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[Book] W

[No.] 536 24 August 85 [1785]

Mr. Peter Kelly his account of Militia duty as private before, & since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to £20.10.0

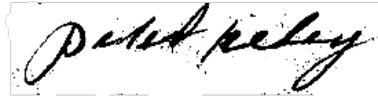
also for a Horse lost

	Charged	<u>35.0.0</u>
[old SC] Currency		<u>£55.10.0</u>
Stg. [Sterling]		£7.18.6 ¾

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Received the 24th of August 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 536 W

S/ Peter Keley



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State of South Carolina

To Peter Kelly

Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency
a Horse lost per do.

Dr.	£20.10.0
	<u>35.0.0</u>
	<u>£55.10.0</u>
Stg.	£7.18.6 ¾

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State of So. Carolina

To Peter Kelly

Dr.

for 1 Brown Mare [word obliterated] in the
Public Service in the year 1781 appraised to

£35

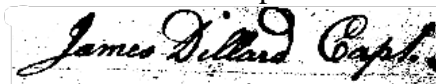
By S/ Thos Ewing
& S/ Jno. Owens

Duly attested on oath before me
this 19th May 1783

S/ Robert Hanna, JP

I do hereby Certify that the above said Mare Died under my Command

S/ James Dillard Capt.⁴



⁴ James Dillard served as a Captain in the Little River Regiment of South Carolina militia