

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Kell S32355

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State of Georgia, Rabun County

On this Eleventh day of December in the year 1833 personally appeared before us the judges of the inferior court of the said county of Rayburn, Robert Kell, a resident of the said county and state aged Seventy-nine years of age, 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in May 1780 as a volunteer in Orange County and the State of North Carolina under Captain Falker [James Falker] of Colonel Moore's [William Moore's] Regiment; it was marched to Salem; from there to Deep River then back to Hillsboro where he was stationed until the end of the tour. This tour was not less than three months. He was in no battle during that time.

In the fall of the same year he again volunteered under Captain Grisham [Davis Gresham] of the Horse, under Major Robt. Crombie [Robert Crombie?] under Colonel Tinning [Hugh Tinnen] of Orange County; was marched to Eno River, down to Neuse River, from there to Hillsboro, from there to Haw River from there to a little below the Red Field Ford where we had a skirmish with the Tories and killed three; then we marched down below Ramsey's Mill; from there to Hillsboro; where he was discharged. This tour was for three months and he did at the least serve three months. -- In the year 1781 he volunteered [under] Captain Allen [Abraham Allen] [&] Major McColla in Orange County and went down the Cape Fear River to the mouth of the river near X [Cross] Creek, from there back to Deep River, a little above Bell's Mill on Deep River had a battle with the Tories where they killed 23 of the Enemy and Captain Allen was shot through the shoulder. Then he was marched to Hillsboro and discharged there after having served three months (except eight days).

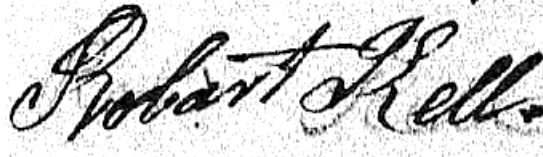
In the same year about August [sic, 1780] as well as he now recollects he volunteered under Capt. McMullen [James McMullen] of Col. Williams' [James Williams'] Regt. stated to S. Carolina got to the Quaker Meadows on the Catawba River there they met the Troops from over the mountains, Col. Campbell [William Campbell] & Genl. Stephens & joined them & went to King's Mountain & was with them in that Battle [October 7, 1780]. Col. Williams was killed there & Col. Campbell then commanded the company he was in & ordered them back to guard the prisoners to the Moravian Town—from there he was marched to Hillsboro—in this tour he served out Fully Three Months in all he served twelve months except eight days. He also hired a man to do a tour of three months duty he was drafted and could not leave home.

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.

And also he further makes the following answers to the interrogatories required by the War Department to be put to all applicants:

1. He was born in Pennsylvania, Nottingham County year to Charleston in the year 1756 as he has heard.
2. He has a copy of his age taken from his father's family Bible which he has at home and Rabun County.
3. He was living in Orange County North Carolina when he first entered the service. He lived there until the close of the war. He then moved into Surry [County]. He lived there 16 years. [He] then moved to Burke County. He lived there 20 years. He then moved to Mile Creek in Pendleton District South Carolina where he lived a few years and then moved to several places in Pendleton where he lived upwards of 20 years near 30. He then moved to Rabun County Georgia where he has lived nearly three years and now lives.
4. He always turned out [as a] volunteer and was all the time a private.
5. He was a little with General Gates and General DeKalb of the Continental Army; was with Campbell and others at King's Mountain but recollects but few others, Cleveland, etc.
6. He got regular discharges, but not expecting any benefit from them, no care was taken and they have been lost a long time and at this time he can say by whom they were signed, Colonel Moore, Colonel Tinney [Tinnen], Colonel McCalla and Captain McMullen after Colonel Williams was killed.
7. The most noted men of the county who have been long acquainted with him are Colonel Samuel Beck, William Kelly Esq., member of the legislature, Edward Coffee, Esq., also a member of assembly and Henry T. Mosley, Senator of the county. William Hamby, Esq. and General Miller, and in South Carolina: Colonel Grisham, Colonel Norton and John Grisham Esq.

S/ Robert Kell



Sworn to & Subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid

[John S. Henley, a clergyman, and William J. Gaines gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia Rabun County: Before me A. R. Gaines Justice of the Inferior Court personally appeared Capt. James Kell¹ late & for many years resident in said County -- and made oath, That he lived in Orange County in North Carolina during the Revolutionary War. That he was a part of one tour with Robert Kell in the service of the United States -- And the said Robert was from home in the service several times. This deponent did not live more than 8 miles from his said Cousin Robert Kell & knows a part of the facts of the application stated to be true and he believes all the facts therein stated to be true.

Sworn to this 11th day of December 1833

S/ James Kell

¹ [James Kell S32357](#)

James Kell

Before me
S/ Allen R. Gaines, JIC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, his pension having been reduced from \$35.77 per annum. He was credited with having served as a private for 8 months & 22 days in the North Carolina militia.]