

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Kelly S36031

VA

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State of Kentucky } Sect.

Fifth Judicial District }

On the 15th day of February One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty one personally appeared in open Court to wit the Jefferson Circuit Court in and for the district aforesaid, being a Superior Court of law and of record, with power to fine and imprison, and whose proceedings are enrolled and signed, Thomas Kelly a resident of Jefferson County in said district, in the Town of Louisville aged about sixty years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare that he has served in the Revolutionary War as follows; That he was enlisted for three years in the army of the United States in the State of Pennsylvania, at the age of about sixteen years, in David Scotts Company [David Scott S25245, company raised in Monongalia County in present WV] which belonged to the 13th Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment Commanded by Col. John Gibson [S41578] and was discharged by him having served his whole period of service west of the mountains, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania [Fort Pitt] being head quarters, that he was in McIntosh's [Gen. Lachlan McIntosh BLWt1549-850] Campaign, assisted to build the Forts of McIntosh [at present Beaver PA] and Lawrence on the Tuscorora River [sic: Fort Laurens on Tuscarawas River in Ohio, completed Jan 1779] and assisted to build a Fort on Allegany River called Cutanian [probably Kittanning on Allegheny River] being about Eighty Miles above Pittsburgh Pa. that he believes it was in the year 1777 he enlisted – that he has lost his discharge, that afterwards obtained a Certificate from Col. John Gibson and was (unfortunately) destroyed by a child and I solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – to wit:

Three Cows worth say \$30 but which I have given a Bill of Sale for, to secure the payment of sixty Dollars – one old Bureau \$5. 2 old tables \$5. five or 6 old split bottom Chairs \$2. an old Cupboard \$5. two old Beds, Bedsteads & cloathes \$20. some cooking utensils & other little articles too tedious to mention worth say \$5. making altogether the sum of \$72.

The Declarant has a wife and seven children living; and is a Common labourer, that he has been afflicted by the Rheumatism for at least twenty years, but which has not disabled him from supporting his family – He owes for house rent and other debts to the amount of about \$100 and has debts due to him to the amount of about \$5 or \$6. —

The services aforesaid were verified by the Oath of Maj'r. John Harrison [VAS1417] of Louisville Ky. in the aforesaid Court, said Harrison having served as a Lieutenant in the same regiment as mentioned aforesaid.

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[The following letter is from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). A note on the envelope reads “Died 14th February 1826,” probably referring to Thomas Kelly. The reply to the letter is not legible enough for transcription.]

Louisville Dec'r 18th 1826

Dear Sir [Hon C A Wickliffe] Mr Thomas Kelley, since deceased was a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States; and resided in this place. His representatives believe that he was entitled also to Land

which has not been obtained and they know not how to proceed if they have the right to obtain it. I write this letter at the request of Mrs Ann Hackett, widow, of this place and a daughter of Mr Kelley, the object of which it to beg the favor of you to make enquiry at the proper Department about the expected right to land above stated. Please to do so, and write the result to Mrs Hackett and if Land be due inform her how to proceed to get it

The Heirs of Mr Kelley are John B Kelley Ann Hackett, Fanny Basnett wife of William Basnett Elizabeth Duff wife of Matthew B. Duff, and Eliza Dunn and Catharine Dunn infant children and heirs of Mary Dunn dec'd who was a daughter of said Thomas Kelley and who died before her father; so that Eliza Dunn and Catharine Dunn are direct heirs of the said Thomas Kelley their grandfather

Your friend/ Worden Pope

P.S. Mrs Hackett informs me that Thomas Kelly her father obtained a Warrant for the land which he lost in his lifetime; and entended shortly before his death to apply for another original or Duplicate

W.P.