

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Kelly S38112

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State of Kentucky }  
Morgan County } Sct

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Morgan County now sitting Samuel Kelly a resident of Morgan County and State of Kentucky aged 75 years the [illegible] day of March last who makes 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 service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He volunteered on the [blank] day of September 1777 (the day of the month not recollected) under Captain John Sayre and rendezvoused on the [blank] day of September 1777 at the old Courthouse point Sicil [sic: Cecil] County State of Maryland and was immediately marched to join the Army of General Washington & was attached while in [one or two undeciphered words] to the Army under General Washington on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1777 near the Brandywine Creek and on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 1777 [sic: 11 Sep 1777] we had an engagement with the Enemy at Brandy Wine Creek where we was compelled to retire – we was marched from the Battle a short distance a place called Chester and in 4 or Five days after the battle we was again marched against the Enemy but from the Heavy Rain that fell no Battle was fought [probably skirmish at White Horse Tavern, 16 Sep 1777] We was then marched to within about 18 or 20 miles of German Town where we lay untill about the first of October 1777 and was immediately marched against the Enemy at German Town where we fought a battle [Battle of Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and was compelled to retreat we were immediately marched to Shippack Creek where we encamped for a Few days (The length of time not recollected) from Shippack creek we were marched to a place called Valley Forge where we was kept during the winter of 1777 & 78 and was discharged between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1778 I returned home to Sicil County State of Maryland

I again volunteered & Rendezvoused between the 15 and 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1780 at the Old Courthouse point Sicil County under Baron De Kalb of General [Horatio] Gates and was immediately marched against the Enemy at Camden in South Carolina where we had a battle in the month of August 1780 [16 Aug 1780] about Three or Four days after the battle I was with others detailed under the command of Gen'l. [Francis] Marion to destroy the boats on the Santee River I remained under the then command of Captain [?]y & Gen'l. Marion traversing the Country and the Santee & Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River] Harassing the Tories and British untill I was wounded in a Scrimage on the Santee with the party of Enemy on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1778 [sic] who we put to flight In this scrimage I was wounded in the Leg and unable to travel. I was left at the house of a Mr. Williams where I remained untill May 1779 [sic] when I returned to Prince Edward County Virginia where he settled. he states that he was born in said County State of Maryland in the year 1756 That he has no record of his age and keeps his age of memory. That when he first entered the service he lived in Sicil County Maryland and since the War in Virginia and Pennsylvania, Tennessee and resides in Morgan County Kentucky, he states that he volunteered into the service of the United States He states that he was as far as he can recollect given a statement of the officers names and a description of his services as far as he can recollect He states that he received a discharge from Captain John Sayre which is lost that he received no discharge for his last Tour – he states that he is known to Joseph Nickell & Joseph Hanna in his neighbourhood who can Testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services except Philip Williams & Thomas Hambleton [Thomas Hamilton, pension application W7671] (which is herewith presented)

He hereby relinquishes his 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 Samuel hisXmark Kelly

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The Deposition of Thomas Hambleton a Revolutionary Soldier and pensioner of the United States taken to prove the Service of Samuel Kelly a Revolutionary Soldier. He states that he became acquainted with him in the Army in the year 1777 in September and whilst he was in the army under General Washington he states that his first acquaintance was between the time of the Battle of Brandywine and the Battle of German Town, he states that Kelly was in the army during the Winter of 1777 & 78 while the army was stationed at The Vally Forge. The Spring of 1778 Kelly was Discharged at what time Kelly joined the Army he does not know, but in the month of May [four or five undeciphered words] 1778 was discharged. As for any other service performed by Kelly he knows nothing. he knew Kelly after the War. Given under my hand this 8 day of April 1834  
Thomas hisXmark Hambleton

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Morgan County } [9 April 1834]

The Deposition of Philip Williams a resident of Morgan County Kentucky taken to prove the service of Samuel Kelly in the Revolutionary War who is an applicant for a pension he states that he became acquainted with the said Kelly in the army the next day after the battle of the Brandywine and that Kelly was then under the command of Captain Sayre & they formed an intimate acquaintance & served in the same[?] regiment under General Washington untill the month of April 1778 at which time this deponent was furloughed & I left Kelly in the Army at Valley Forge. As for any further service performed by Kelly I know nothing of my own knowledge  
Philip hisXmark Williams