

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Kelly S38891

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State of South Carolina

On this 20th day of August 1819, before me, the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Equity & of the Court of Appeals for the said State, personally appeared Abraham Kelly aged about Seventy-four years resident in the district of Kershaw in the said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said Abraham Kelly enlisted for the term of eighteen months in the year 1776 in the said State in the company commanded by Captain Francis Boykin of the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson] in the line of the State of South Carolina which was afterwards put on the Continental establishment; That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of the term of his enlistment when he was discharged by Colonel Thompson; That he was in the battle at Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776]<sup>1</sup> & in two skirmishes afterwards in Georgia; That he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

S/ Abraham Kelly, X his mark

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thos Waties, Judge as aforesaid

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State of South Carolina Kershaw District:

On this the twenty seventh day of June in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said District Abram Kelly aged seventy-five years resident on Spears Creek in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he served in the revolutionary war as follows in the third Regiment of Rangers or Riflemen in the company of Captain Boykin who was at the time of his enlistment under whom he enlisted about the first of January in the year of our Lord 1776 as appears by his previous application for a pension number 15721

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_ft\\_moultrie\\_1.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html)

of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed That is one Negro worth \$500 two horses worth \$35 each 35 head of hogs that is 4 sows and 31 pigs shoats one old wagon and chair worth \$45 plantation tools worth \$10 household furniture worth \$10 and 100 acres of land worth \$100 altogether amounting to \$770 out of which he is owing about the sum of \$600 and that deponent further saith that his occupation is planting and he is not able to make a support at the same in consequence of age and infirmity and that there are three of his family living with him That is his wife who is sixty-seven years of age a Negro woman about eighty-two years of age and the Negro before mentioned as being worth \$500 a fellow of twenty-one years of age.

S/ Abram Kelly, A his mark

Sworn before me the 27th of June 1820 in open Court

S/ Henry W. DeSaussure

[A letter dated March 11, 1824 indicates that the land and Negro man were sold by execution to satisfy debts of the veteran; and that "the old man is now disabled altogether from laboring in consequence partly of wounds received during the Revolutionary war and partly in consequence of the rheumatism which of late years has almost disabled him from walking." The letter was sent under signature of John Carter.<sup>2</sup>]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August to 20, 1819, for service as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]

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<sup>2</sup> CARTER, John, a Representative from South Carolina; born on the Black River, near Camden, Sumter District, S.C., September 10, 1792; was graduated from South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina) at Columbia in 1811; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1814 and commenced practice in Camden, S.C.; served as commissioner in equity 1814-1820; elected as a Republican to the Seventeenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James Blair; reelected as a Jackson Republican to the Eighteenth Congress; and as a Jacksonian to the Nineteenth and the Twentieth Congresses and served from December 11, 1822, to March 3, 1829; resumed the practice of law in Camden, S.C.; moved to Georgetown, D.C., in 1836, and died there June 20, 1850.  
<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=C000197>