

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Francis Kelsimere (Kelsheimer): S41716

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The State of Ohio } SS

County of Hamilton } Personally came before me the undersigned one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, for the county aforesaid

Francis Kelsimere an applicant for pension under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 residing in Butler County in the State of Ohio, who being duly sworn according to law deposeseth and saith, that some time in the winter of 1776, he enlisted in Baltimore under Capt Samuel Smith of Colonel [William] Smallwood's Regiment (the first) of the Maryland line to serve for one year that he served out that period and again entered for three years. that he served the three years out in the same Regiment the first of the Maryland Line on Continental establishment, in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Smith and afterward by Captain Levin Winder - and was honorably discharged at Bookenridge [Basking Ridge?] N. Jersey in the winter of 1780. And this deponent further deposeseth and saith, that in consequence of his advanced age (being now in his 75th year) and reduced circumstances he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & further saith

Sworn & Subscribed to before me this 7th day October 1818 Francis hisFKmark Kelsimere

{ State of Ohio
{ Hamilton Com. Pleas

On this 29th day of Aug't. 1823 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record Expressly made so by the Laws of this State for the said County Francis Kelsimere resident in said County aged seventy nine years, who being duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the prevision made by the Acts of Congress, of the 18th March 1818, and 1st May 1820. that he the said Francis Kelsimere enlisted, for the term of one year on or about Christmas in the year 1775 in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Smith in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Smallwood in the line of the State of Maryland on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the year expired when he again enlisted in the State of Maryland to serve for three years in Capt. Winders Co. of the 1rst Maryland Regiment Commanded by Col Stone, in the line of which regiment he alternately served, as a soldier and as a waggoner to the Regiment until he was discharged in 1780, his term of Enlistment having expired. That he was in the battles of Long Island [27 Aug 1776] and several affairs of less consequence and that he has no other evidence, now in his power of his said service, except his own declaration, having lost his clothing, and with it his discharge, at Gen. Gates defeat at Cambden [defeat of Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. and in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, 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 persons engaged in the land and Naval services of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; 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. And I further declare under oath, that I have no wife living, or family that is dependant on me for support. I reside in the family of a grand son of mine by marriage, on whom I am greatly dependant, for support. The lease, or rather income of the Farm, or Land, on which I have a lease, for life together with my personal labour, being inadequate to support me. I am a laborer, by occupation, and from my advanced and bodily infirmities, I salmnly declare, that I need the assistance of my country for support.

Francis hisFKmark Kelsimer

Schedule of the Property belonging to Francis Kelsimer an applicant for pension, made this 29th

day of August 1823.

I have a Lease for life on a tract, of fifty acres of second rate Land being in the Township of Crosby in the County of Hamilton in the State of Ohio, part of this tract is level, and part rolling broken land, of this tract about thirty acres are cleared, eighteen acres of which is plow land, and twelve in pasture grounds. There is a log cabin (single one) on the land with no cribs or stables, the cabin and fences on the Farm are very much out of repair. If I could receive thirty or even twenty five dollars a year, either in money or produce, that would bring that sum on the Farm, I should deem it a very liberal rent; admit the Lease to be worth twenty five dollars a year, which I believe a very liberal estimate, then my income is \$25.00 per annum. I have no personal property save my bed & bedding & wearing apparel, and further I say not.

Francis hisFKmark Kelsimer

NOTE: On the pension certificate is written "Died Dec'r 18 1826."