

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kelley (Kelly) S41717

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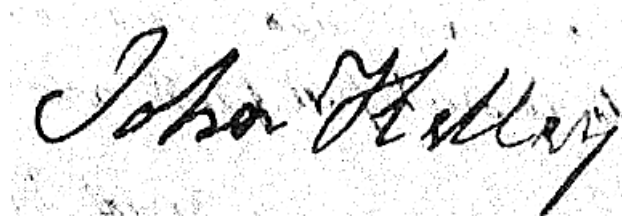
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State of Ohio Muskingum County Sct.

Be it known that before me in the State & County aforesaid personally appeared John Kelley and made oath that he is a resident citizen of this State & of the United States; – and that he served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War against Great Britain on the Continental establishment; – that he enlisted in the service thereof for the term of three years on the 22nd February 1777 in Captain Charles Porterfield's Company, 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Febiger [Christian Febiger], Virginia Line; – that he served out the full time of three years aforesaid, and was discharged at the crossing of the Susquehanna River, Pennsylvania, by a written discharge signed by Colonel Febiger, on or about the 25th of February 1781 – that he has no other evidence to offer to substantiate his claim to a pension under the late law of Congress – and that by reason of his reduced circumstances, being now in the 62nd year of his age, he is absolutely in need of assistance from the country for his support.

Sworn and subscribed to this 17 day of June 1818

S/ John Kelley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Kelley". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes characteristic of the early 19th century.

S/ David Findley, Associate Judge

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State of Ohio, Muskingum County SS

On this 27th day of November 1820, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for said State John Kelly aged 64 years, resident in Muskingum County in said State, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War on the Continental establishment as follows: In the 11th Regiment, commanded by Colonel Febaker [sic] – Captain Porterfield's Company Virginia Line. The date of his original application is 17 June 1818 and the number of his certificate is 9, for 391 – And I do solemnly swear^{affirm} 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 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 18th 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 & this he does under the pains & penalties of perjury –

My occupation is farming. Not able to pursue it owing to a rupture, and a pain in my head arising I believe from a wound received in Brandywine battle [September 11, 1777]. The number of my family residing with me is four. Their names as follows: Elizabeth (wife), Abigail, Sarah, John. Their ages as follows: 62 – 33 – 23 – 8.

Their capacity to contribute to my support but small – my wife weekly, Abigail supposed to be a widow and not more than able to support her son John.

Sworn and subscribed to

S/ John Kelly, X his mark

Schedule of Property – real and personal

2 horses & one colt	\$30.00
1 Cow and calf	10.00
2 Heifers	6.00
14 head of hogs large and small	7.00
8 head of sheep	5.00
1 Loom	5.00
2 plows, one pair traces & one collar	3.00
1 pot 1 kettle	1.50
Dresser articles	<u>1.00</u>
	\$68.50

S/ John Kelly, X his mark

[p 27: A letter dated September 24, 1824 from JL Edwards, the Commissioner of pensions, telling the veteran that his pension will be suspended because information has been received in the War Office that the schedule of his property attached to his 1820 affidavit was not correct.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 17, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]