

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Kelley SC4520
Audited Account No. 4208

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John Kelley's petition for pay for Revolutionary Services
Pensions
Wadford
Postponed

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To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives of the State of
South Carolina

The Petition of John Kelley of Greenville District Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner at the conclusion of the Revolutionary war went to the State of Virginia and
resided several years and consequently was not in this State when there was an Opportunity of
rendering in claims against the State for services performed and losses sustained during the war.

Your petitioner further Sheweth that on his return to this State he made an effort to gain
compensation for his services by petitioning the Legislature for the same but was rejected and
was Informed that his claim was bar'd by an Act of the Legislature. – Your petitioner has since
been Informed that a number of persons lately have obtained payment for their claims by
petitioning the Legislature. This Information together with the hard hand of poverty that bears
heavily on his feeble body and almost exhausted constitution has induced him once more to call
on the clemency and Justice of the Legislature of his Country for relief –

Your Petitioner will now State to your Honorable body the services for which he prays payment
as nearly as recollection will enable him having lost most of the Vouchers for the same, In the
year 1776 he served six months in the expedition against the Cherokee's,² In the year 1777 he
served three months at Col. Thomas's Guarding the Publix stores Lodged there, In the same year

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

² https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

he served three months at white hall [White Hall]³ and Ninety Six all under the Command of Capt. James Steen of Col. Thomas's Regiment, in the year 1778 he served three [months] at Liberty Hill near Augusta under Captain Jeffress [Nathaniel Jeffries] of Col. Steen's Regiment, he served five months in the Floriday expedition⁴ under Captain Lusk [Robert Lusk], he served three months in the Stono expedition,⁵ under Captain Jeffress, and he served three months in the year 1781 under Captain Wood [Moses Wood] Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment for which he has his Captain's Certificate. Your petitioner may be mistaken in the dates being almost an Illiterate man but there is no mistake in the length of time and places where the services were performed. Your Petitioner prays your Honorable body to grant him Soldier's pay for the time above mentioned being two years and two months or such other relief as you in your wisdom may deem Just and right and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

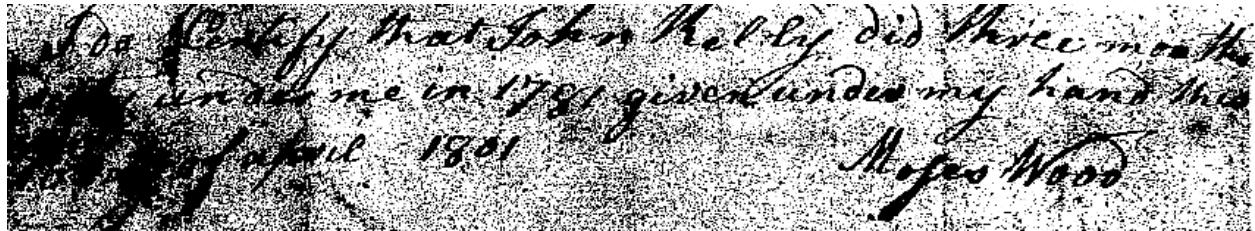
November the 10th 1820

S/ John Kelley



I do Certify that John Kelly [sic] did three months duty under me in 1781 given under my hand the [illegible] of April 1801

S/ Moses Wood



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State of South Carolina Dr [debtor] to John Kelley

To Two years & Two months for

Services in the Revolutionary war

State of South Carolina

Greenville District} Personally came before me John Kelley and made oath that the state of South Carolina or Truly & Justly indebted to Him for two years & two months Services and that he the said deponent Has never received any part thereof By discount or otherwise directly or indirectly. Sworn to and Subscribed this 11 day of November 1820

S/ William Goodlett, JP

S/ John Kelley

[p 21: An identical petition as transcribed above except that this one is addressed to the South Carolina Senate.]

³ White Hall was the residence of Genl. Andrew Williamson who commanded the SC backcountry militia until the fall of Charleston on May 12, 1780. In June of 1780, Williamson surrendered to the British and took parole.

⁴ Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe, Commanding Officer] See, also: John Houstoun and the 1778 Expedition to East Florida <https://allthingsliberty.com/2013/12/john-houstoun-1778-expedition-east-florida/>

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of John Kelly [sic] praying to be allowed pay for the time he served in the Revolutionary War –

Report –

That they have duly considered the same, and recommend the prayer thereof be rejected
S/ Samuel Warren

[p 25: Voucher dated March 21, 1821 showing the payment of \$60 to John Kelly [sic] as his annuity per resolution of 1820. This would indicate that the South Carolina legislature did place the veteran on its pension list.]

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The petition of Martha Kelley widow of John Kelly [sic] praying for a balance due her husband at his death as a pensioner

Pensions

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To the Honorable Speaker of the house of Representatives of the Legislature of South Carolina and other members thereof

The petition of Martha Kelley humbly Sheweth that a balance of a pension was due her husband at his death therefore I hope that your Honorable body will order that the same will be paid, and your petitioner in duty bound will ever pray November 17, 1824

S/ Martha Kelley, X her mark

Test S/ D Jackson

State of South Carolina

Greenville District} Personally came before me Mrs. Martha Kelley the widow of John Kelley Dec^t & made oath that her husband John Kelley a pensioner of this State died on the 2nd of April last or about that time. Sworn to and subscribed before me 17 of November 1824

S/ Martha Kelley, X her mark

S/ David Jackson, JQ

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The Committee on pension to whom was referred the petition of Martha Kelley praying a balance of pension due to her deceased husband

Report that they have had her petition under their consideration and recommend that the prayer thereof be Granted and that the Comptroller be directed to pay her Six Dollars.

S/ E. Benbow Chairman