

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kelley W21521

Mary Kelley

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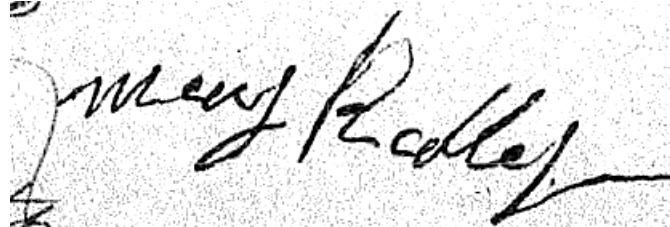
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State of South Carolina District of Clarendon: On this 29th day of Sept. [?]¹ 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned Mrs. Mary Kelley widow aged eighty-four years and a resident of the City of Charleston, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to be entitled to the benefit of the 3rd Section of the act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836. That she was married to John Kelly [sic], deceased, late of Charleston, Baker, who was a private volunteer soldier during the War of the Revolution, and served under arms against the enemy for two years in the following manner, to wit: as early as the year 1775 he was a member of the German Fusiliers of Charleston, and continued a member of same, (save the time he done duty as a private in a militia Corps in St. Andrews Parish near Charleston) -- until the surrender of the City in May 1780,² when he was made a prisoner of war and remained so a prisoner (being taken while under arms) on parole for 12 months. Deponent further declares that she was married to the said John Kelley on the 23rd January 1774 and that her husband the aforesaid John Kelley died in the year 1791, & that she was a widow on the 4th of July 1836, and has not since intermarried, Deponent saith that, she suffered much by the great fire in April 1838, and that most of her papers were then destroyed, and that, she finds great difficulty now to procure direct testimony all of which will more fully appear by the papers hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written & I also certify the credibility of the affiant.

S/ Mary Kelley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kelley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

S/ Thos. Lee, District Judge of US for South Carolina

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Lee". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

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² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

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Lutheran Church of German Protestants

Charleston South Carolina August 13, 1838

The following extract is taken from the records of the Church, viz.

"married on the 28th January 1774, John Kelly – Baker, to Mary Werner."

I certify the above to be correct

S/ Jacob F. Mintzing, President

[attested and acknowledged in Charleston South Carolina on September 14, 1838]

[p 7, on September 20, 1838, Daniel Horlbeck gives testimony in Charleston district South Carolina that he is the treasurer of the German Fusiliers society and company in the keeper of the original books and records of that society and company. He states that the name of John Kelley appears on the roll of the company as being on duty in Charleston in the month of July 1775.]

[Facts in file: the widow died January 25, 1840 survived by Mary D. Martin, wife of John Nicholas Martin. Mary D. Martin was the only child of Mary Kelley.]

Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending on her death January 25, 1840. Her pension was based on her husband service in the South Carolina militia for 12 months.]