

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Kelly (Kelley): W25993  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Georgia} On this Seventeenth day of July 1827 personally appeared in Open  
Elbert County} Court being a court of record for the county aforesaid William Kelley  
resident in said County, Aged Sixty seven years & some months who being first duly sworn  
according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the  
provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 that he  
the said William Kelley enlisted for the term of three years on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January in the  
year 1778 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Pearce  
[possibly William L. Pierce], in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison in the  
line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment that he continued to serve in  
said corps untill he was taken prisoner at [Gen. Horatio] Gates's defeat in the Battle of  
Campden in the State of South Carolina [sic: Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] and was detained  
a prisoner of war untill after the termination of his term of enlistment. That he hereby  
relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the  
roll of any state as a Pensioner And that the following are the reasons for not making an  
earlier application for a Pension to wit that untill within the last few years he has been able by  
Manual labor to support himself & family which he is now reduced incapable of doing by  
means of Rheumatic pains Age & its attendant infirmity. And in pursuance of the Act of the  
18<sup>th</sup> of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the  
18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any way or 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 & 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 Viz

100 Acres of Land 3 <sup>rd</sup> quality	\$150
1 Horse	40
1 Cow & calf	10
8 Hoggs	8
Part of sett knives & forks	1
Plates & Dishes	1
Coffee Pot & Cup	50
5 old chairs	1 25
1 old shovel	25
1 old ax mattock & hoe	1 00
1 old plow & gear	1 00
1 old drawing knife	25
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I further swear that I am by occupation a farmer that I am rendered unable to support myself  
(in pursuit of my occupation) by rheumatic Pains Age & infirmity I have three in family besides  
myself to wit my wife Philidelphia aged about sixty years barely able to support herself by labor  
My son William in the fourteenth year of his age in good health. Rutha my daughter in the  
eleventh year of her age in good health. I further swear that there has been no material change  
in my property since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 - none by bargain sale or gift - the only change  
has been induced by casualties; in my little stock of Cattle & Hoggs.  
Sworn to and declared on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1827 in Open Court  
William hisXmark Kelly

NOTE: On 28 June 1856 Lucinda Whitmond or Whitman, aged 40 of Marietta GA, applied for  
bounty land stating that as Lucinda Harris she married William Kelly on the first Sunday of Feb

1833, and he died 29 June 1847. She married Jesse Whitmond or Whitman of Elbert County on 7 Nov 1848, and he died in Marietta on 8 Oct 1855. On 7 July 1856 she applied for a pension, giving the place of her marriage to Kelley as Anderson District SC