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Pension Application of John Kilty W26183          Catharine Kilty          MD  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Maryland/ Baltimore Coty Sct/ June Term 1838

On this 24 day of July in the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight Personally appeared in open court Catharine Kilty a resident of the city of Baltimore aforesaid, aged 64 years – who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled “An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.” That she is the widow of John Kilty who was a Captain of Dragoons in the Maryland line in the War of the Revolution, seven years in the service. She further declares that she was married to him the said Captain John Kilty on the ninth day of May in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two – and that he died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year eighteen hundred and twelve: That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service: but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four, – to wit, on the day and year above written; and that she has not intermarried since his death but still remains his widow: as will more fully appear by the proofs hereto annexed.

[signed] Catharine Kilty

Land Office, Annapolis,/ 18<sup>th</sup> July 1838,

I hereby Certify, that it appears by an Alphabetical List of officers of the Maryland line, remaining in this office, shewing their rank, time of service, when left the Service, and place of residence, – That the name of John Kilty appears upon said list to have held the rank of Captain of Dragoons, was seven years in service, left the service in reform of 1783, and resided in Anne Arundel County.


George G. Brewer,/ Reg’r. L’d. Off. W. S. Md.

[The following are among [bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I hereby certify that John Kilty Esq’r of Annapolis was an officer in the Maryland line from early in the year 1776 to the year 1778 and from that time to the end of the War, was an officer (and during the last Campaign in Carolina, a Captain) in the Virginia Cavalry commanded by Colo [George] Baylor.

John Davidson Major  
in the late Mary’ d. line

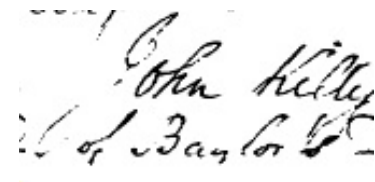
Annapolis 25<sup>th</sup> March 1793



I hereby authorise and request Captain Coleman to deliver to Major Anthony Singleton the land warrants I am entitled to from the State of Virginia for seven years military service, as testified by the above certificate

John Kilty late Captain of  
Baylor’s Dragoons

Annapolis/ March 24<sup>th</sup> 1793



[The following are among [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#):]

“Ordered that Captain John Kilty and Mr. John Ball be requested to examine into the state & condition of any vessels which they can learn on the Eastern Shore are for sale and report to the Council of Safety their opinion of them respectively, their value and further what the owners will take for them whether they are fast sailors and sufficiently substantial for armed vessels”

In testimony that the foregoing is a true extract from the proceedings of the Council of Safety from the twenty ninth day of August seventeen hundred and seventy five & the twentieth day of March seventeen hundred and seventy six now on file in my office I have reviewed set my hand and affixed my seal of office on this fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine. Cornelius W. Lean/ Secretary of State Md

NOTE:

The federal file includes a record of the license for the marriage of John Kilty and Catherine Quynn issued in Anne Arundel County on 9 May 1792. On 19 July 1838 John Quynn, about 58, stated that he had been present at the wedding. A letter dated 8 Sep 1848 refers to Catharine Kilty as a "venerable & aged lady the sister in Law of our former Chancellor."

In the Virginia file is an accounting of the balance of pay due to Kilty and collected by him on 6 May 1783. It includes the following items:

Subsistence while prisoner from 28 Sep 1778 to 18 Feb 1781

Pay and rations while traveling 453 miles from New York to Petersburg VA

Pay as Lieutenant of Dragoons from 1 Aug 1780 to 1 Feb 1782

Pay as Captain from 1 Feb to 31 Dec 1782

Also in the state file is an application for additional bounty land dated 6 Feb 1839 by Mary E. Kilty, Elizabeth Wilson, and Ellen A. Schmuck, who, together with Richard M. Kilty and Augustus H. Kilty, were the only heirs of John Kilty.