

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Kelley (Kelly) W948

Nancy Kelly

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State of Tennessee, Jefferson County: 2nd Judicial Circuit

Be it known that on the 23rd day of July 1819 he entered the Town of Dandridge in the County aforesaid Personally appeared before me Samuel Powel Judge of the Circuit Courts of said State (said Courts being of record) Charles Kelly a Citizen of said County in the seventieth year of his age who in order to obtain the provisions of the late act of Congress made for the benefit of revolutionary Soldiers being by me first duly sworn upon his oath makes the following declaration to wit that on the fourth day of August in the year 1777 in Hillsboro North Carolina he enlisted as a private Soldier in the regular Army of the United States for three years in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina Continental Troops said Regiment then commanded by Colonel Abraham Sheppard and in the Company commanded by Captain James Wilson. That the next Spring after he enlisted the Regiment above mentioned was marched to Valley Forge Pennsylvania and was there attached to other regiments. The North Carolina regiments were being reduced to the two regiments. That he said Charles Kelly fell into the first Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Clark and in the Company commanded by Major John Baptist Ash [sic, John Baptiste Ashe]. That he the said Charles Kelly faithfully served the United States against the common enemy in the Regiment and company aforesaid for the time he enlisted until as well as he recollects May 1780 when at the surrender of Charleston he was taken Prisoner by the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]¹ and kept a Prisoner until the last of August or first of September 1781 when he was sent round to Jamestown Virginia and there exchanged and marched with the United States Troops from said place to Richmond and was there discharged by a Continental Colonel of the United States Army whose name he does not recollect. That this Deponent was in no general actions but several skirmishes and in the Siege of Charleston. That his discharge after the same was received by him said Kelly he put it into the hands of one David Passmore of North Carolina to recover his pay and clothing which was due to him and has never received the same since nor does he know whether said Passmore is now dead or alive. The said Charles Kelly states that shortly after he enlisted he took a certificate of his enlistment from Colonel Sheppard which is herein enclosed. That when he gave his discharge to Passmore he took a certificate of the fact attested by John Elliott a justice of the peace which is likewise herein enclosed. That he has not the papers or evidence of his said services now in his possession that he knows of. That he perceives he was by Colonel Sheppard called Charles Cally but that his name is Kelly and that he said Charles Kelly is in reduced circumstances and does stand in need of the assistance of his Country for Support. That owing to his age and infirmity and obscure place and manner of living it is very lately he possessed such

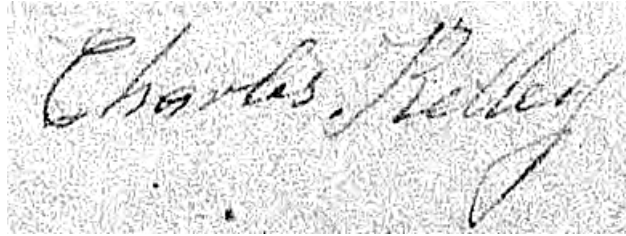
¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

information as induced him to believe he could have a Pension.

Sworn to, subscribed and declared before me Judge as aforesaid the date first written.

S/ S. Powel

S/ Charles Kelley

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Charles Kelley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper.

[Lewis Reneau and John Lawrence gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Jefferson County

At a Circuit Court of law opened and held for the County of Jefferson at the Court house in Dandridge on the third Monday in July (being the 21st) 1820. Before the Honorable Samuel Powell Esq. Judge of said Court, personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record (having the power of fine and imprisonment, and also having been made a court of record by the laws of said State) for the said County of Jefferson, Charles Kelly aged seventy-one years in November last resident in the County of Jefferson aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted in the 10th North Carolina in Captain James Wilson's Company at Hillsborough North Carolina on the fourth day of August 1777 for three years, that Colonel Abraham Sheppard commanded the said Regiment when raised and until the same reached Valley Forge in Pennsylvania when the whole of the North Carolina regiments was reduced to two, and Col. Thomas Clark took the command of the first Regiment into which this affiant fell, and in Clark's Regiment, this affiant was put into the company called Major John Baptiste Ashe's Company, and was commanded by Lieutenant Dickens, and that he faithfully served the United States as a common Soldier, part of the time as a Sergeant. The last part of the time for which he enlisted, except it May last, before his time would have expired at Charleston South Carolina, he was taken prisoner by the enemy and was detained as a prisoner about 15 months, when he was taken by water to Virginia and marched to Richmond Virginia and there discharged in the manner stated in his former declaration to prove which he exhibited a written certificate and accounted for the absence of his discharge by said Declaration. That he holds and is the person alluded to in an original Certificate now in his possession issue by J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War No. 15271 as marked dated the 2nd day of October 1819, which last date he believes was the date of his declaration, which certificate allows this affiant eight dollars per month for revolutionary Services, that he never was a pensioner by any other act or certificate. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any 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 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. That of my family resident with me, there are three beside myself to wit, my wife Nancy aged 55 years feeble and infirm, so much so that she is occasionally unable to labor at all, my son Thomas Kelly age 16 years, and my son Abraham about 10 years old, my son Thomas is

tolerably healthy and is able to labor as common for his age, Abraham is under common size for his age and occasionally sickly. I am a farmer by occupation, and not able generally to labor much, and occasionally by pains unable to labor at all. My property consist of two horse beasts, one a horse twenty years old last March and has a permanent lameness, worth nothing as this affiant believes, but he raised him and will feed him, as long as he lives if he can the other

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| a mare 16 or 17 years old worth | \$15.00 |
| One cow & two year old beasts—the cow worth | 10.00 |
| The yearlings with \$4 ea. | 8.00 |
| Ten or twelve head of small hogs | <u>12.00</u> |
| | \$45.00 |

S/ Charles Kelly

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

I Do hereby Certify that Charls Calley who was Late a Sargent in the North Carolina Line has Lodged his Discharge in the hands of David Passmore in order to recover the pay and Clothing due to him from the Sd. State which is to be Returned after the same may be Recovered, I desire all persons [illegible word] Let the sd. Calley pass and repass unmolested until the same is Returned he behaving himself according to law. Given under my hand this 16th August 1783.

S/ John Elliott, JP

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These Lines may Serve to Inform all men that Charls [sic] Cally Did on the 4th Day of August in the year 1777 Inlist himself in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina Continental Troops for the Space of three years from the Date Above & these lines may Serve to Sartify that he shall be Clear of the Servis at the Expiration of the three Years & Likewise be Clear Discharge for the Same Given under my hand & Seal this 24th Day of February 1778.

Test:

S/ Abram Shepperd {Seal}

S/ John Lord [?], Lieut.

Col.

S/ Robert McReynolds

S/ Mathew McCauley, Capt.

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[p 13: Nancy Kelley, 72, filed for a widow's pension in Jefferson County, Tn., on 22nd October 1838, stating she married Charles in Orange County NC in 1786, that her husband died 'four years since the 16th Inst.' She states that she has no public record of her marriage since none was made because she was married by publication of banns. She signed her application with her mark.]

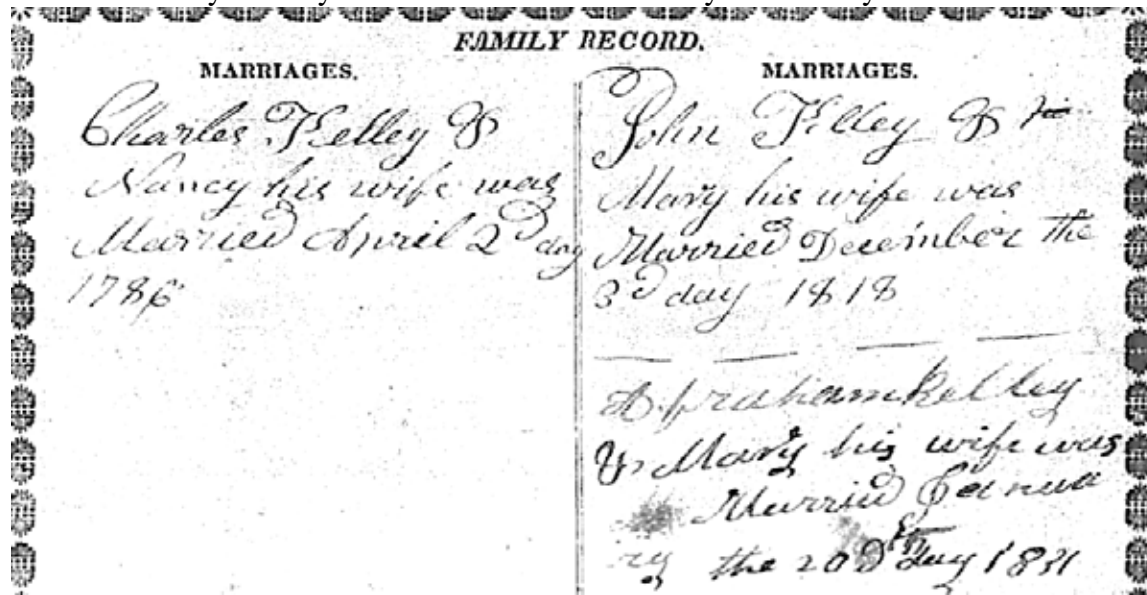
[Bible records in the file]

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Charles Kelley & Nancy his wife was Married April 2nd day 1786

John Kelley & Mary his wife was Married December the 3rd day 1818

Abraham Kelley & Mary his wife was Married January the 20th day 1831



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Charles Kelley the son of Charles Kelley was borned November the 21st day in the year of our Lord 1748.

Nancy his wife was borned November the 14th Day in the year of our Lord 1766

Robert Kelley the son of Charles Kelley was borned December 25th day in the year of our Lord 1786

Charles Kelley the son of Charles Kelley was borned October the 12th day 1789

Luercher [sic, Lucretia?] Kelley the daughter of Charles Kelley was born'd August 24th 1793

John Kelley the son of Charles Kelley was borned February 16th 1797

Ench [sic, Enoch?] Spinks Kelley the son of Charles Kelley was borned March the 26th [?] day of 1800

Thomas Kelley the son of Charles Kelley was borned February 19th day 1804

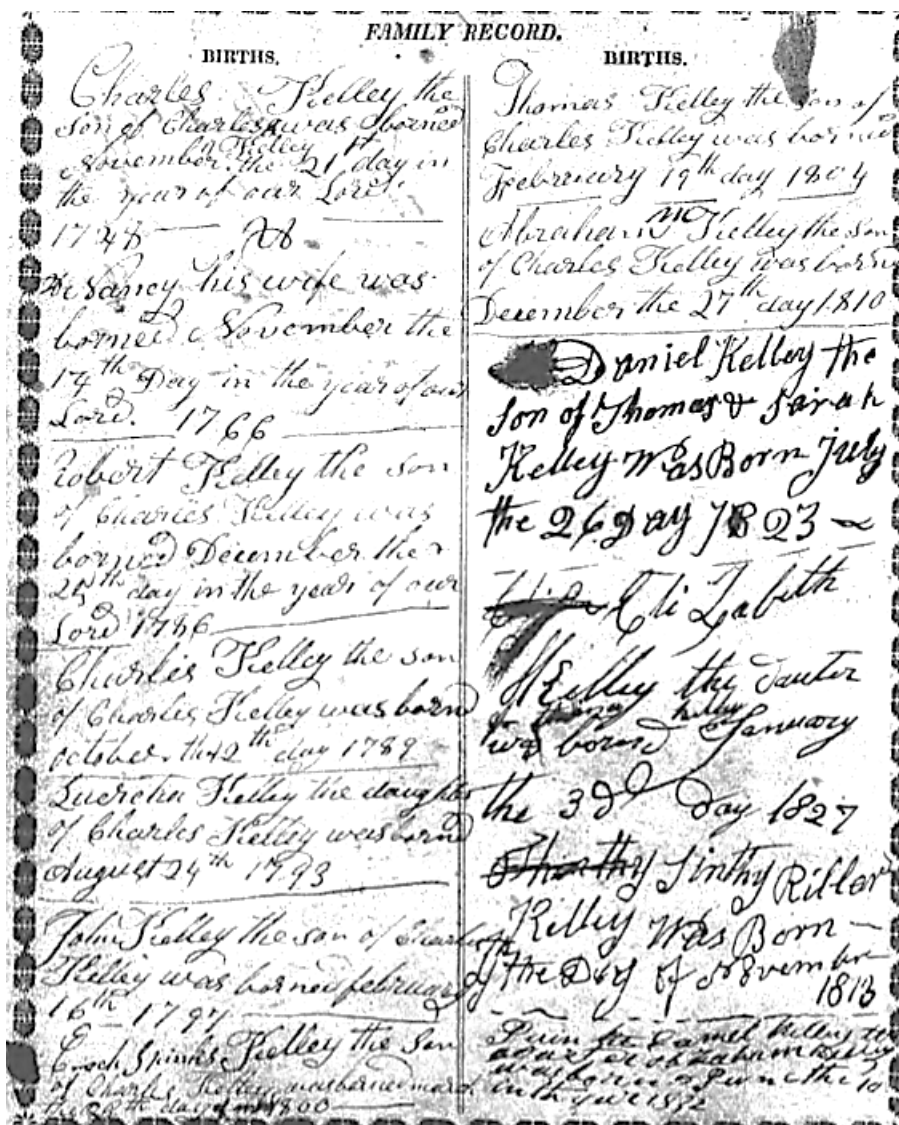
Abraham Y. Kelley the Son of Charles Kelley was borned December the 27th day 1810

Daniel Kelley the Son of Thomas & Sarah Kelley was Born July the 26th Day 1823.

EliLabeth [sic, Elizabeth] Kelley the Dauter [sic, Daughter] of Thomas Kelley was borned January the 3rd day 1827

Sinthy Rillar Kelley was Born 4th Day of November 1813

Lain [? Sain?] Camel Kelley the son of Abram Kelley was borned June the 10 in the year 1832



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Sarah Kelley the daughter of John Kelley & Mary his wife was born August the 27th day 1819

Nancy Kelley the daughter of John Kelley & Mary his wife was born November the 20th day 1820

Rufus Kelley was born'd August 7th day 1823

Mary Kelley the daughter of John Kelley & Mary his wife was born October the 28 [?] day 1825

Anna fallard [?] was born September the 1st day in the year of our lord 1826

Sessawhit [?] was born March the 3rd day in the year of our lord 1821

Lain [or Sain] Kelley the Darter [sic, daughter] of Abraham Kelly was born July the 10 day in the year of our lord 1832

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

DEATHS.

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Peggya what was her name married with the 3rd day in the year of our Lord 1821

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Charles Kelley the Son of Charles Died April the 14th 1823
Charles Kelley Seignor [sic, Senior] Deceased October the 16th day 1834
Milinda [sic] Kelley the wife of Robert Kelley Died July the ?th 1825
The Daughter of Robert Kelley Milinda Kelley Dec'd June the 8th 1821 [last digit is unclear]

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The Daughter of Robert Kelley Dece'd Milinda Kelley Dec'd June the 8th 1821

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 23rd, 1819, for service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina Continental line for 3 years. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum based on her husband service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]