Pension Office
March 22nd, 1847

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Thady Kelly, deceased, who was a Captain of the Virginia State artillery during the revolution, and served to the end of the war. The case is embraced by the provisions of the Act of July 5, 1832, granting half-pay to certain officers, and it is my opinion that the claim should be allowed at the rate of $300 per annum, from the 22nd of April 1783, when the war terminated, to the 24th of January 1788, shortly after which period he died. The amount is payable to Richard Randolph, administrator of said Kelly.

S/ Commissioner of Pensions

Approved
S/ Secretary of War

Entered this on Book Act 5 July 1832

Pension Office
December 2nd, 1847

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of Thady Kelly, deceased, who was a Captain in the Virginia State artillery during the Revolutionary war. Under the act of the 5th July 1832 the claim for half-pay was allowed on the 22nd of March last; but payment was made only to the 24th January 1788, shortly after which it was supposed he died. Proof is now exhibited to show that he was alive on the 2nd of December 1788. The administrator he is therefore entitled to half pay at the rate of $300 per annum from January 24, 1788 to December 2, 1788. The amount should be paid to Richard Randolph, administrator of said Kelly

S/ Commissioner of Pensions

Approved
S/ Secretary of War

Entered this on Reg. Act 5 July 1832

[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia] incorrectly indexed under the name Thady Kelly.
"Shaddy Kelly". To me, the name throughout the documents in this file is spelled "Thaddy Kelly."

Petition for bounty land
Thaddy Kelly – Captain Continental line

This officer settled his accounts for a service from January first 1777 to September 18, 1779. In March 1783 he received 4000 acres of land for his service as Captain for three years. There was satisfactory proof then offered of his service for those years. There is no proof of record of his having served long enough to be entitled to additional bounty land: and September 1779 is the latest date to which he settled his accounts.

One witness says – Captain Kelly entered the service at the very commencement of the war & continued in service until the close of it.

A second witness says – that he knew Captain Kelly during the latter part of the Revolutionary war. He has an indistinct recollection of having seen him, that said Kelly, in the year 1779 & 1780 – and perfectly remembers having seen him in service in 1781 – Witness believes that Kelly served to the end of the war; but cannot state the fact as coming within his own knowledge.

A third witness says – that he was acquainted with Captain Kelly who was an active officer – that Kelly was in service in 1781 (the summer) – and was taken prisoner at York. This is the state of the evidence. Your Excellency will decide upon the claim.

To his Excellency Governor Tazewell respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c.

I David Spencer of the County of James City of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Captain Thaddy Kelly and recollect distinctly of seeing him frequently during the latter part of the revolutionary war. He frequently visited my father who resided in the said County and generally was dressed in his uniform. I have an indistinct recollection of seeing while in the Regular service in the year 1779 and 1780, but recollect distinctly seeing while he was in service in the year 1781 and have no doubt but that he continued in service until the close of the said war, but cannot state the fact as coming within my own knowledge. There are many circumstances that indelicate me to believe that he continued in service until the close of the war which would be unnecessary for me to detail.

S/ David Spencer

I Archer Hankins of James City County aged 68 years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Captain Thaddy Kelly I frequently saw him while in service and always understood and believe that he commanded a company that surprised and attacked a British picket guard that was stationed not far from the College in Williamsburg commonly called Shabby Hall. He was a very active and [indecipherable word] officer and I have no doubt but that he continued in service until the close of the Revolutionary War. The attack to which I allude was in the summer of 1781 while Lord Cornwallis was on his way to little York. He
paused in Williamsburg some short time before he reached little York. I think he went from this across James River at James Town to Norfolk and then to York where he was captured.

S/ Archer Hankins

[both the above affidavits are attested by John R Pearce, JP in James City County Virginia April 4th, 1834]

I Alexander W Green of James City County and now in my 75th year of age do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Thaddy Kelly and know that he enlisted at an early period of the Revolutionary War. I am under the impression that it was at the very commencement of said war, he enlisted in the Continental service and was a Captain in a rifle company and continued in active service until the close of the said war. I was very intimately acquainted with him, and for some time he resided in the same neighborhood with myself, but cannot venture to state particularly the season that he first entered the Army. He was a brave and active officer. After the war he moved up the country and I presume there died. He was sometime during the war to my knowledge an aid or acted in some such capacity to General Lafayette. Said Kelly has told me frequently that he acted as a spy for the American Army. I am satisfied that he was in the Army at least three years before the siege of York (1781) I served in 1780 or '81 a tour of duty under him as a volunteer.

S/Alexander W Green