

Pension Application for Edmund Kelly

W.26748 (Widow: Lovina or Lavinia) Edmund died June 10, 1854.

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this thirtieth day of August 1821 personally appeared in open court being the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Delaware and declared ad Court of record by the acts of the Legislature of the State of New York in such case made and provided Edmund Kelly aged fifty three years resident in the town of Middletown in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows.

That he enlisted into a company commanded by Captain Samuel Pell in regiment commanded by Colonel Philip VanCortland in the New York State line in the spring of 1782 for and during the war that he served one year and three months or thereabouts when he was regularly discharged it being in [it says 93, but must mean 83] at the close of the war that the date of the original declaration of this deponent was as he believes the 23 day of April 1818 and that he has received a pension certificate the number of which I ss041.

And I the said Edmund Kelly do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day 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 of 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 tome nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. (Signed) Edmund Kelly

Sworn in open court this 30 August 1820. H. R. Phelps Dep Clk.

Schedule of Property

3 chairs, 1 chest, 1 small pot, 1 tea kettle, 1 frying pan, 2 forks & Knives, 1 platter, 1 plate, 1 bowl, 3 spoons, 1 tin bason, 2 tea cups & saucers, 1 tin cup, 1 small jug, 1 cream pot, 1 hog, 2 pigs, 1 trammel, 5 sheep, 1 old bible * psalm book, 2 hens, & six chickens.

I have not clothing and bedding sufficient to render my self and family comfortable. I am by occupation a farmer but by an accidental fall, upon in the month in February last which dislocated and so shattered the bones of my left shoulder that I am unable to pursue the same. I am not able to support myself by my labor.

I have in my family my wife Lovina aged 54 years as I believe, llshe is a weakly feeble woman and is compelled very frequently to receive medical assistance. She is unable to support herself a son Thomas aged 13 years I think he is able to support himself a daughter Amy aged 11 years in good health but not able to support herself, and a grand son John Rheadman aged 7 years not a rugged boy and unable to support himself.

I have about ten dollars due to me from different persons it being in part of my pension money last drawn.

I now owe to different persons about \$25.00 and have no other means of paying the same than what are set forth in the following schedule. Edmund Kelly.

Letter in folder dated October 14, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

The following data in regard to Edmund Kelly were obtained from the papers in the claims for pension on file under W.26748, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of Edmund Kelly (surname shown as Kelley, also) and names of his parents were not stated.

Edmund Kelly enlisted in Fredericktown, Dutchess County, New York, in April 1782, and served until sometime in June, 1783, as private in Captain Samuel Pell's company, Colonel Philip VanCortland's New York regiment.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed April 23, 1818, at which time he was aged about fifty-nine years and a resident of Middletown, Delaware County, New York.

Edmund Kelly married July 17, 1787, in Fredericktown, New York, Lovina (or Lavinia) Liscomb. The date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown. The soldier died June 10, 1854, in Roxbury, New York.

Soldier's widow, Lovina or Lavinia, was allowed pension on her application executed October 26, 1854, at which time she was aged eighty-seven years and a resident of Roxbury, New York.

The following names of children of Edmund Kelly and his wife, Lovina, are shown in the claim:

Charles born August 12, 1790 in Fredericktown, New York

Martin, born June 30, 1795, in Albany, New York

William born May 3, 1796

Ezekiel born May 29, 1800

Hannah born April 7, 1802

Edmund Jr. born March 24, 1804

Thomas born May 28, 1806

Amy aged eleven years in 1820.

In 1818, one Joshua Kelly was living in Middletown, New York, and stated that he was well acquainted with the soldier, Edmund Kelly, during the Revolution. In 1855, one Sniffin Kelly was aged seventy-four years and a resident of said Middletown. No relationship was shown between these persons and the soldier, or to each other.