

Pension Application for George Kelly

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W.20303 (Widow: Elizabeth Renno) Married November 6, 1780. George died December 9, 1829.

State of N. York

Steuben County SS.

On the 29th day of Nov'm 1837, personally appeared before me Abram J. Quackenbush a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, Severines Deygert of the same County aforesaid, who has been duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he is aged seventy six years past, and that himself hath been a Revolutionary Militia Soldier deponent further saith that he has been personally acquainted with George Kelly, from the time he the said deponent was a youth, land that he was well acquainted with the said Kelly at the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, during the said war, until the conclusion of said war and until the time of his death.

And deponent further saith that the aforesaid George Kelly has been a true and faithful soldier of the United States, that he belonged to the company of Militia commanded by Lieut Andrew Dillenbach, from Spring 1775 and continued in rendering faithful service to the United States from year to year, until that ever memorable battle at Oriskana under the Genl Command of Genl Nicholas Herkimer against part of the British Army under the command of Genl St. Ledger from Canada on the 6th of Augt 1777 when Lieut Dillenbach was slain in Battle. When after Sevoranus Cook 2d Lieut of said Company had the Command of the same company, to which the said company the said George Kelly did belong to, under the command of Lieut Cook, Capt. John Keysor Junr., who was appointed Capt. in said Company, did obtain a Lieut Commission under Capt Christoph'r P. Yates same year 1775 in the American Army went with the Army into Canada and on his return taken sick and died on his way to his place of residence & never reaching home to his place of residence at Palatine.

Deponant further saith that George Kelly did belong to the Regt commanded by Col. Jacob Klock and Lieut Col. Peter Waggoner in Genl Herkimer's Brigade, until Genl Herkimer died in consequence of his wound received in Battle at Oriskany and the said Kelly did continue in rendering Militia Service until the year 1779, the deponent says that he belief [sic] that the said Kelly did enlist under the company of Boatmen under the Command of Capt William Peterson, for nine months.

And deponent further saith that he is positive that the aforesaid—aforesaid [sic] George Kelly again was enlisted in the Regt service under the command of Capt Samuel Gray in the year 1779 at the time of Genl Sullivan's Expedition when Capt. Gray in Spring and forepart in summer has been boating on the Mohawk River to Fort Stanwix, and when Genl Clinton on his march to join Genl Sullivan; Capt Gray with his company engaged, going with the army and boats, land not returned until sometime in the winter, and deponent further saith, that again early in Spring 1780

the said Kelly was enlisted, under the command of Capt. Gray for 9 months in the boat service, as deponant always understood, that he hath been engaged for nine months service, in each and every year, and that if the boat men could not be engaged in boating in consequence of its impracticably they were otherwise employed on behalf of the United States.

And deponent further saith, that during the remainder part of the war the said George Kelly did render his equal full share of militia duty or service to the United States with others of the Militia, vizt for and during the year 1781 & 1782, to the Conclusion of the Revolutionary War.

And deponent further saith that he has been personally acquainted with Both, vizt, as well with Elizabeth Reno as with the said George Kelly, previous to their being married. And that the said deponent says that he has been personally present at the time when George Kelly and Elisabeth Reno were legally joined in lawful wedlock when the marriage ceremonies were performed by the Rev'd Abraham Rosegrants in the Town of Palatine that according to the best of deponents knowledge and belief, they were married in the year 1780, some considerable time previous to the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, of which deponant is certain, and that they have lived together from the time they were married. Until her husband died, the identical time of his death, deponent doth not recollect, supposing ten or twelve years past.

Deponent further saith that the said Widow Elisabeth Kelly widow of George Kelly will be entitled to claim a pension in consequence of the service rendered as a militia soldier by her dec'd husband to the United States, from the year 1775, 1776, & 1777, during his first year at least two months 2d 4 months and during the year 1777, at least 5 months and in the Continental service for three years in succession enlisted for nine months each year vizt in the years 1778, 1779, & 1780 in the Boat Service vizt first year under the Command of Capt William Peterson, second and third years, under the command of Capt. Samuel Gray and again in the year 1781 and 1782 he has rendered his full equal share of service in the United States, with others of the Militia, and that Claimants husband did render United States services from the year 1775 from year to year, and in each and every year, to the final Termination of the said Revolutionary War, and further this deponant saith not. (Signed) Severines Deygert.

Sworn and subscribed this 29th day of Nov'm 1837 before me. Abram J. Quackenbush J.P.

Letter in folder dated June 13, 1838, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Elizabeth Kelly, a pensioner in 1840 in Montgomery County, New York, then aged eighty years.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, W.20303, based on the service of George Kelly in the War of the Revolution.

The date and place of birth of George Kelly were not given, nor were the names of his parents stated.

While a resident of Palatine, Montgomery County, New York, George Kelly, served from the spring of 1776, as a private at various times in Captains Andrew Dillenbach's, Henry Diefendorf's, Severines Cooks' companies, Colonel Jacob Klock's and Ebenezer Cox's New York regiments, until the spring of 1778, when he entered the boats service and served nine months as bateau man under Captain William Peters, nine months in 1779 and nine months 1780 under Captain Samuel Gray, during this service, he was transporting provisions and supplies from Schenectady to Fort Stanwix, and in 1781 and 1782, he continued to serve at various times in Captain Severines Cook's company, part of the time was stationed at Fort Keyser in Stone Arabia.

George Kelly married November 22, 1780 in Palatine, New York, Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Reno, Ranno or Renno. The date and place of her birth was not given, nor was the name of her mother stated.

The soldier, George Kelly, died December 9, 1829.

The widow, Elizabeth Kelly, was allowed pension on her application executed September 14, 1781, and in 1838 was living in Montgomery County, New York.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible data in regard to family.