

Pension Application for George Kelly

W.20303 (Widow) Elizabeth was granted \$66.00 per annum.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this tenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, John Kelly who being duly sworn doth depose and swear that he has made diligent search to find a record of the marriage of his father George Kelly (Now deceased,) and his mother Elizabeth Kelly now the widow of the said George Kelly—and that he has been unable to find any record whatever of anything relating to the said marriage—Deponent further swears that in searching the records of the church where such records are usually made he found the records in the church book containing records of marriages for the years 1780 & 1781 missing and that the reason of his being unable to find a family record is because his father being unable ever to write did never make one. That from tradition derived from both his parents he is well satisfied that the marriage of his parents took place on the sixth day of November seventeen hundred and eighty being always informed that they were married ten months saving eight days before he was born, and that he was born on the fourteenth day of September Seventeen hundred and Eighty one, that his father the said George Kelly died on the ninth day of December eighteen hundred and twenty nine and further this deponent says not. (Signed John Kelly)

Sworn to and subscribed this 10th day of September 1838 before D. F. Sacia, Judge of Montgomery County Courts.

State of New York

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On this 11th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Montgomery (being a court of record) Elizabeth Kelly a resident of the town of Palatine in the County of Montgomery and State of new York aged seventy eight years who being first 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 4th 1836. That she is the widow of George Kelly who was a private soldier in the Militia Service, and a Marine or Batteau-man in the Boat Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War. That from the evidence she has been able to procure she has reason to believe that her husband the said George Kelly then a resident of the town of Palatine aforesaid entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the year 1775 in the company of Captain Andrew Dillenbach (1) in Colonel Jacob Klock's Regiment and General Nicholas Herkimer's Brigade. That he was drafted and served three months at Ticonderoga under Captain Henry Diefendorf (2) in Colonel Ebenezer Cox Regiment. That he served as a Marine in Captain William Peter's (3) Company of Batteau-men in the year 1778 nine months, and that he served nine months in each of the succeeding years viz 1779 and 1780—in the same capacity vis a Batteau-man in the Company of Captain Samuel Gray, and in the two succeeding years vis 1781 and 1782 he again did his share of militia duty as a private in Captain Sevrenus Cook's Company and on the evidence herewith accompanying she rests her claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said George Kelly on the sixth day of November in the year seventeen hundred and eighty that her husband the aforesaid George Kelly died on the ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Kelly

Subscribed & Sworn the day & year above written before me. D. F. Sacia, Judge of Montgomery County Court.

Letter of reply to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Elisabeth 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 1775, as a private at various times in Captains Andrew Dillenbach's Henry Diefendorf's Severines Cook's companies, Colonel Jacob Klock's and Ebenezer Cox's New York Regiments, until the spring of 1778, when he entered the boat 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 widow, Elizabeth Kelly, was allowed pension on her application executed September 4, 1838, at which time she was aged seventy-eight years, and living in Palatine New York.

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

End Notes—George Kelly—W.20303

1. Captain Andrew Dillenbach of Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Captain Dillenbach was killed on August 6, 1777 at the Battle of Oriskany and First Lieutenant Severinus Klock was appointed Captain of this Company.

2. Henry Dieffendorf Captain of the Fifth Company in Colonel Ebenezer Cox's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. A detachment was drafted from the four Tryon County Militia Regiments in January of 1777 and were sent under Colonel Cox to Fort Ticonderoga.
3. Captain William Peters and Samuel Gray commanded companies of Bateamen in the Quartermaster Department.