

Pension Application for Thomas Kelsey

S.2687

State of Virginia

Montgomery County SS.

On this 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery now sitting, Thomas Kelsey a resident of the county of Montgomery and State of Virginia aforesaid aged seventy eight years last March, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following, named officers, and served as herein stated.

In the county of Ulster in the state of New York in May 1776 this applicant first entered the service as a draft for a tour of seven months which he served out in full until sometime in December of the same year. Spaulding was the commandant of the regiment to which applicant belonged. Logan was his major, Samuel Clark his Captain and Cornelius Hawsbrook his Lieutenant.

He went first to Newton there joined his company and went by water to the place aforesaid called Fort Montgomery where he joined his regiment and went from thence to Kings Bridge where he joined the Brigade having remained there about ten days we burnt the Barracks, destroyed the Bridge, crossed the Hudson at Fort Washington and went up the river to Kings ferry and crossed and went from thence, to near the mouth of Croton river which we crossed; we went from thence to Polypers Island above the Highlands, where the remainder of the tour of seven months were spent in constructing chevaucé defrises [Chevaux-de-fries] across the river.

In the following year (1777) in the same county and state, this applicant was drafted into service again for a tour of seven months which he fully served out. He went under command of Peleg Ransome, a Captain, Lieutenant Nathaniel Potter to a place called Poctoctin on the western confine of Ulster County in the State of New York where he remained in the service as a guard against the Indians between four and five months. From this latter place he went to a place called Stillwater on the Hudson, above Albany where we had an engagement with the British afterwards we came to Albany where we remained to guard the prisoners and shipping until his tour of seven months had expired. General Gates and Arnold commanded at Stillwater.

He knows of no testimony which he can procure of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Thomas Kelsey.

I Rice D. Montague Clerk of the Circuit Superior Court of law and chancery for said county do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of Thomas Kelsey for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the office the 12th day of October 1832 in the 57th year of the common wealth. R.D. Montague C.