

Pension Application for David Kelso

W.26175 (Widow: Ann) Married March 31, 1788. David died August thirtieth 1834.
State of New York
City & County of New York SS.

On this sixth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Charles McEwen Assistant Justice of the Peace David Kelso a resident of the said City and County of New York he being unable from sickness to appear in open court of the age of about seventy eight years 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 passed June seventh 1832.

The said David Kelso being first duly sworn as aforesaid doth upon his oath declare that he was born in Ireland and came to America in the year 1773.

He entered the American Army in the year 1776 as a minute man under the command of Captain Burns and Colonel Nicholas and served three months at Fort Constitution.

As soon as discharged he entered the volunteer company commanded by Captain Hill, Colonel Isaac Nichols and returned to Fort Constitution where he remained five months—

He has been in no battles but was stationed within a half a mile of the action at Montgomery in which Captain Matchin of the Artillery was wounded.—

His memory is so impaired that he must rely upon the fuller narrative of his old Comrade William Bran whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

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

As to the Interrogatories to be propounded to applicants for Pensions under said act by order of the War Department. Applicant states.

First. That he was born in Ireland about the year 1759, month of November.

Second. That he has no record of his age that he does not know of any.

Third. That he was living in New Windsor where he with a number of others volunteered.

Fourth. That he has ordered at Fishkill & New York City ever since the war—that he now resides at 72 Catharine Street, City of New York.

Fifth. Captain Peter Hill commanded the Fort Constitution as did Capt. Burns, who took command after Hill left it.

Sixth. He received no particular discharge but when the term for which they volunteered had expired they all left together.

Seventh. William Bran of 59 Rutgers Street, City of New York, was with him in the service. James W. Lent, Abraham Martling, and John Anderson all of the City and County of New York are well acquainted with the applicant. (Signed) David Kelso
City County and State of new York, Jany 6th 1834. Personally appeared the day and date above. David Kelso and was duly sworn to the above by him subscribed before me. Charles McEwen, Ass. Justice of Peace

City and County of New York. SS. William Brand being duly sworn doth depose and say that he is seventy eight years of age that he was born in Ireland and came to the United States in the year 177? landed at New York and settled at Goshen in Ulster County—resided at Hamptonborough near Goshen.

At the commencement of the Revolutionary War in June 1776 deponent entered the army as a minute man—had before this time volunteered to go with Captain Daniel Denton under the command of General Clinton to Quebec—as he was then very young his parents would not permit about three months from June 1776.

Then deponent after a few weeks entered in the five months service. He served under Captain Maffit and Lieutenant Brewster as a minute man—served under Captain brown and Colonel Isaac Nichols of Goshen in the five months service, when he entered in the five months his company came to Haverstraw in the first place where they laid some days then crossed Dobbs Ferry and marched to Kingsbridge—was drafted from hence to go to Long Island but the order was countermanded—marched from Kingsbridge to White Plains was at White Plains at the time of the Battle at that place, he knew Captain Little, Captain Raymond, Colonel Paulding, Colonel afterwards General McDougal, General Clinton was deponents General—from White Plains he went to Peekskill where he remained until he was discharged—built barracks there, was there part of the winter. Was at Fort Constitution opposite West Point—where he was employed as a minute man—

After he served in the five months service he left the army and afterwards served in the militia under Captain Watkins for about a month or three weeks against the Indians, he was marched to a place called Mamecaton between Sopus and Minasink [Minisink] was called out in the militia frequently for two or three days at each time and went to Fort Montgomery before it was taken by the British.

Deponent first became acquainted with David Kelso in the minute service thinks he was in Captain Raymond's Company—in the company there was a Lieutenant Langdon who afterwards shot himself at Newburgh, saw David Kelso frequently in the Minute Service he was in the same Regiment with Deponent he had a brother named John Kelso who was in the same company with Deponent.

Deponent also knew David Kelso in the five months service, he was in Colonel Nicholas Regiment with deponent cannot says whether he served out the whole time but thinks he did, Deponent has known David Kelso ever since and knows him to be a good and hones man and does not believe he would tell an untruth for any purpose.

Deponent further said that he deponent has been employed from the spring after the British left New York in the service of Colonel Rutgers until after the death of Colonel Rutgers on the seventeenth of February 1830 or thereabout a period between 40 & 30 years.

That Deponent has never applied for a pension from the United States and that he does not intend to apply for one. (Signed) William Bran

Sworn before me this 6th day of January 1834, R. Riker Recorder of the City of New York.

Family Record

Births

David Kelso was married to Ann McCarty March 31, 1788.

Ann Kelso was born May 15, 1772.

George Kelso May 12, 1789.

James Kelso was born October 15, 1790.

Elizabeth Kelso was born October 27, 1782.

Catharine Kelso was born December 18, 1794.

Susanah Kelso was born July 17, 1797.

Ann Kelso was born September 1, 1799.

Francis J. Kelso was born August 15, 1801.

David Kelso Juniro was born September 11, 1803.

William Henry Kelso was born November 27, 1805.

Jane Kelso was born February 1807.

Naomi Kelso was born the August the 22, 1809.