

### **Pension Application for John Kelso**

W.26752 (Widow: Elizabeth) John Kelso and Elisabeth Buchannan were married November 17, 1784. John died November 21, 1819, at New Windsor, Orange County, New York.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On the fifteenth day of August 1838, before me the undersigned of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County personally appeared Elizabeth Kelso a resident of the Town of New Windsor in said county and state aforesaid aged 85 years, who being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled an act granting [?] pay and pension to certain widows. That she is the widow of John Kelso who was a private soldier in the private soldier in the army of the revolution.

That as she has been informed and believes her husband was in the service in the year 1777 at Fort Montgomery but under what officers she is unable to say and in 1778 or 1779 her said husband enlisted in the standing army for 8 or 9 months under Capt. Dennison & Col. Livingston and served out his enlistment and towards the close of the war was on the frontier against the Indians under Capt. Livingston, Col. Wisenfelt.

She further declares that she as married to her husband the said John Kelso on the 17th day of November 1784 in the City of New York that a short time after their marriage her husband got a certificate of their marriage which has remained in her hands ever since and is now hereto annexed.

That their name are generally called and sometimes spelt Kelsy but they always wrote it Kelso.

That her husband the said John Kelso died on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1819 and that she has remained a widow ever his death and that their marriage did not take place prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Kelso

Sworn & subscribed by making her mark and she declares that she never write the day & year above written before me & I further certify that from personal examination & enquiry the declarant is unable from bodily infirmity to attend a session of the court of Common Pleas. H. W. Elliott, Judge of Orange Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated January 17, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.26752, it appears that John Kelso, while a resident of Orange County, New York, enlisted in 1777 and served one month as a private in captain Matcham's New York Company.

He enlisted in 1778 or 1779 and served eight or nine months in captain Dunscomb's Company, Colonel Livingston's New York Regiment.

Toward the close of the Revolution he served in Captain Livingston's Company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York Regiment; was engaged in fighting the Indians on the frontier.

He married November 17, 1784, in New York City, Elizabeth Buchannan. He died November 21, 1819, at New Windsor, Orange County, New York. His widow, Elizabeth, was allowed pension on her application executed August 15, 1838, while a resident of New Windsor, Orange County, New York, aged eighty-five years.

In 1838 there was a son, James, aged forty-seven years.

This is the history of the only soldier by that name that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.