## **Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Edmond [Edmund] Kelly R5840
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[The original of this petition appears in the South Carolina Audited Accounts for Edmond Kelley [sic] on pp 8-9. I have made corrections to version of the petition contained in the federal pension records in order for it to totally conform to the original.]

The State of South Carolina

**Newberry District** 

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the Said State the petition [of] Edmond Kelley Shoeth that he was a Solder of the war Revolution That in 1775 Comt [commenced] the Servis in what was Cauld [called] the Snow Camps<sup>1</sup> under Col. Richardson [Richard Richardson] for a three month Tower [tour] and the Spring following I Inlisted under Lieutenant Tayler [sic, probably Taylor] a Subaltiner [Subaltern] under Capt. Boykin [Francis Boykin] for fifteen Months, and Joined Col. Tompson's [William Thomson's] Rangers and Remained at the Ewitaw Springs [Eutaw Springs] We was ordered to Send our Horses Home and Marched under Col. Tompson To Sulivans Island [Sullivan's Island] and there Remained about three Months and Was In the Battle of that Island [June 28, 1776],<sup>2</sup> from there I Was Marched to Charleston and from there I Volunteer'd To Go under the Said Col. Tompson to Savana [Savannah] We arrived there in the Month of Augst Remained there about three Months from there I Was Marched to Agustia [Augusta, GA] there I Got a furlow to Return Home I then Join'd the Same Redgment at Williams Branch Near the Ewtaw Springs and thare Got my Discharge. I then Continued in Scouting parties under Defrent offcers till after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] I then went to North Carolina I then Went to North Carolina I then volunteer'd for a Nine Months Tower under Capt. Farrow [John Farrar] and Marched under his Command to Patins Burge [Petersburg?] in Virginia thare I was thare Transferred under Command of Capt. Williams a Continentel officer of Col. Dixson's [Henry Dixon's] Redgment Which Was raised to fill up the Broken Regments from Virginia I Continued under said Col. Dixson's Command Till My Nine months was out and recv'd my Discharge at Moons Creek on Dan River I then returned To my native State and Continued to Serve in Deffrent Scouting parties till the End of the War. Your Petitioner is now or will be at Chrismins [Christmas] next Seventy Three years of Age a Cripple and unable to Labour without Property Either Real or Personal or Relations that is able to Suport Me as Such your Pettitionar Prays your Honorable Body to Grant Him a Pention. S/ Benjamin Maybin

(signed) S/ Edmond Kelley, X his mark

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\_snow\_campaign.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution ft moultrie 1.html

A Schedule of the Whole Estate & Effects of Edmond Kelley the Petition[er] is My Wearing Appariel. You Edmond Kelley sware that the facts Set out in your Petition and that and that the above Shaduel Contains a full and Entier Shaduel of all I Posses So Help me God

S/ Edmon Kelly, X his mark [sic]

Sworn to before me November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1827 S/ Jno Caldwell, Q. U.

I John Caldwell one of the Justices of the District of Newberry do hereby certify that Edmond Kelly was sworn to his petition and schedule before me and that he is a man of good character and entitled to credit and we believe. November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1827.

S/ Jno Caldwell

[Note: The original of this affidavit appears on page 11 of the South Carolina audited account for Edmond Kelley]

State of S. C., N. District

I do hereby certify that James Kelley decest [deceased] came before me then being one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the District aforesaid and made oath that Edmond Kelly listed [sic, enlisted] in Col. Thompson's Regiment cald Rainger [sic, Rangers] and served fifteen months and got a Discharge. And I further certify that I knew Ed Kelly before he listed [sic, enlisted] and while in the Redgement and Ever Since and thinks he deserves help. Given under my hand this 8 November 1827.

S/ Lewis Hogg, JP

[Note: The original of this affidavit appears on page 4 of the Audited Account of Edmond Kelly [sic]. I have made a few corrections in order to make the following transcript conform entirely correctly to the affidavit given by Major Hogg as contained in these South Carolina Audited Accounts.] South Carolina, Newberry Dist.}

Personally Came before me Major Lewis Hogg, who being duly sworn on his oath says that he is acquainted with the petitioner Edmund Kelly & has known him since the commencement of the Revolutionary War—That the said Edmund Kelly after having performed various services in the militia Companies, Enlisted particularly in the Expedition commanded by Richardson called the Campaign of the Snow Camps, Enlisted into Captain Tayler's [sic, Taylor's] Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson of So. Carolina Line, under whom he served at Charleston when attacked by Sir Peter Parker—That the said Edmund Kelly was subsequently transferred to another Regiment, but this deponent does not now recollect in what one, and that he was engaged under Genl. Gates [Horatio Gates] when he was defeated at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780].<sup>3</sup> —That the said Edmund Kelly continued to serve either in the militia or with the State Troops to the end of the war. And that the said Edmund Kelly is now about Seventy One years of age quite infirm & in very indigent circumstances. Sworn to before me November 18, 1825.

(signed) S/ Lewis Hogg

(signed) S/F. B. Higgins, Q. U.

The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Edmond Kelly praying for a pension respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend to this House that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. That the said Edmond Kelly be placed on the Pension List (signed) John McCourt Chairman

 $<sup>^{3}\ \</sup>underline{https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\_battle\_of\_camden.html}$ 

December 1827

In the House of Representatives

December 6, 1827 – Resolved that the House do agree to the Report Ord: that it be sent to Senate for concurrence. By order of the House

(signed) R. Anderson, C. H. R.

Senate December 8, 1827 Resolved that Senate concur. Ord<sup>'d</sup>: to be returned (signed) Job Johnston, C. S.

Office of Clerk of House of Representatives Columbia South Carolina October 31, 1851 I do hereby certify that the foregoing are true Copies of the papers as taken from the Records on file in this Office in the matter of the application of Edmond Kelly for a pension.

For Clerk of House

S/ Benjamin Hart, Librarian

[p 6: On October 22, 1851, James D. Mansfield, 24, Administrator of the Estate of Edmund Kelly [sic], deceased, filed for a pension under the June 7, 1832 act stating the services rendered by Kelly in terms identical to the above petition and adding that Kelly died intestate in Newberry without a widow surviving; that Kelly drew a pension from the state of SC until his death; that Kelly was a man of good character, a minister of the Baptist Church; that Kelly died in Newberry on October 6, 1842.

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State of South Carolina

I do hereby certify unto all whom it may concern that the name of Edmund Kelly late of Newberry District in this State was placed on the Pension Roll of this State in the year 1827 and that his last Annuity of \$60 was paid to him the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1842.

Given under my hand and seal of office the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1851

S/R. C. Griffin Treasurer Upp. Div. Thomas Kreau [?] Dep. Treas.

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James S. Manspels

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to Edmund Kelly

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Audited Account No. 4198B

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[This file contains images of the original documents transcribed above. In addition, the file contains the following relevant documents.]

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Petition of Edmund Kelly praying to be placed on the Pension List

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <a href="http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/">http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/</a>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the <a href="Just take me to the search page">Just take me to the search page</a> link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Pensions
Prayer Granted to be put on pensions
Colonel Maybury
Caldwell

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of Edmund Kelly Shews to your honorable bodies that he was a faithfull Soldier in different chores [sic, Corps] during the whole time of the American Revolution. That he was one of the expedition commanded by Col. Richardson called the Campaign of the Snow Camps. That he afterwards enlisted in Captain Taylor's Company in the Redgement commanded by Colonel Thompson [William Thomson] of the South Carolina line. Under whom he Served at Charleston when attacked by Sir Peter Parker. That he was Subsequently transferred to Some other Redgement but recollects not the name of the commanding officer And was one of the Soldiers of General Gates when he was defeated at Camden. That he continued to Serve faithfully in the American cause until the final close of the War and until our glorious independence was firmly established. Your petition[er] further Shews that altho' aware of the provisions made by his country in behalf of the faithfull and brave Soldiers, it was not his intention to avail himself of its bounty until age and infirmity and poverty has compelled him to apply being upwards of Seventy One years old. Wherefore your [petitioner] prays to be placed on the pension list of this State and as in duty bound he will ever pray &c

In the presence of us

S/ Davis Caldwell

S/ William Duncan

S/ Edmund Kelley, X his mark

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The State of South Carolina

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Newberry District}

To the Hon. the Senate and House of Representatives of said State now met and sitting in General Assembly

The petition of James D Mansfield respectfully Sheweth, That Edmund Kelly late of the District and State aforesaid departed this life intestate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October A.D. 1842. That at the time of his death the said Edward Kelley was a pensioner on the pension rolls of this State, on account of services rendered in the Revolutionary war: That at the time of his death he was Entitled to the amount of his pension which had accrued from the first of March preceding, being about seven months; That since his death to wit on the \_\_ day of \_\_ your petitioner procured letters of administration to be granted unto him of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of the said Edmund Kelly at the time of his death, a certified copy of which accompanies this petition under the seal of the Court of Ordinary of said District –.

Your petitioner also shows that he has the power of Attorney of his Mother Jane E Mansfield the only surviving heir & distributee of said Edmund Kelly to receive and give credit for the amount of arrears of pension which are due the said deceased at the time of his death.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that he may be paid the amount of the arrears of pension due to the said Edmund Kelly at the time of his death.

S/ James D Mansfield

James D. Manspel

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of J D Mansfield Administrator of Edmund Kelly deceased praying for arrearages of pension beg leave to report

That said Edmund Kelly was a pensioner of this State and received his pension up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1842. The Petitioner states that said pensioner died the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1842 but your Committee are not Satisfied of that fact, neither the applicant swearing to the truth of the same nor furnishing other satisfactory evidence. The Committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be not granted.

S/G. W. Williams, Chairman

[The report is undated but appears from other documents to have been acted upon in Dec. 1851.]

[p 27: Is an image of the official letter dated November 17, 1851 of administration granted to James D Mansfield for the administration of the estate of Edmund Kelly.]