



PRIVATE JOHN KELTY (1750-1833)

Four and one half years service

PENNSYLVANIA LINE – 1st Brigade

John Kelty's Revolutionary War Pension File

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1818 Affidavit for Revolutionary War Pension

- Some details of Revolutionary War Service

1820 Declaration & Inventory for continued Pension

- More details of Revolutionary War Service and insight into his straightened circumstances

1846 Widow Margaret's Pension Application by Heirs of John & Margaret Kelty

- Family details including a page from the Family Bible

1818 Affidavit for Revolutionary War Pension

...That he served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution in the Continental establishment. **That he enlisted in July or August in the year 1776 into a company of riflemen** at that time commanded by Captain Matthew Smith after which commanded by Captain Michael Simpson in **Colonel Hands Regiment of the first Regiment of the Pennsylvania line.** That the term of his enlistment was for three years or during the war. **That he continued in the service of his country for the term of four years and a half when he received an honourable discharge.**

State of New York
Madison County

John Kelly being duly sworn says that he is a Resident of the Town of Smithfield in the County of Madison in the State of New York that he is about fifty seven years old as he believes. That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of a assistance from his Country for support that he has never had a pension allowance from the United States. That he served as a Soldier in the war of the Revolution in the Continental establishment. That he enlisted in July or August in the year 1776 into a company of riflemen at that time commanded by Captain Matthew Smith afterwards commanded by Captain Michael Simpson in Colonel Hands Regiment of the first Regiment of the Pennsylvania line. That the term of his enlistment was for three years or during the war. That he continued in the service of his Country for the term of four years and an half when he received an honourable discharge. That he committed his said discharge to the care of Monsieur Morris Brown who is now dead and that said discharge he believes is lost and he cannot now produce it. That the paper herunto annexed is an original License to copy & given him by Benjamin Havell Esquire at the time of its date with whom the Dependent discharge was at that time recorded.

Sworn, the tenth day of April, 1818 before me
John Kelly
First Judge Mad. Cty

1818 Affidavit for Revolutionary War Pension Ancestry's "new" Transcription – not bad!

State of New York Madison County

John ~~Tilly~~ Kelty being duly sworn says that he is a resident of the Town of Smithfield in the County of Madison in the State of New York that he is about ~~fifty~~ sixty seven years old as he belives. That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from the ~~County~~ Country for support that he has never had a ~~personal~~ pension allowed him ~~allowance~~ from the United States. That he served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution in the Continental ~~E~~establishment. That he enlisted in July or August in the year 1776 into a company ~~now~~ of riflemen at that time commanded by Captain Matthew Smith after ~~wards~~ which commanded by Captain Michael Simpson in Colonel ~~Francis~~ Hands Regiment of the first Regiment of the ~~Continental troops~~ Pennsylvania line. That the term of his enlistment was for three years or during the war. That he continued in the service of his country for the term of four years and an half when he received an ~~honourable~~ discharge. That he committed his said discharge to the care of Governor Morris ~~Gourin~~ Esquire who is now dead and the said discharge he believes is lost and he cannot now procure it. That the paper hereunto annexed is an original License to ~~Rape~~ ?rap & given him by Benjamin ~~Havell~~ Esquire at the time of its date with whom this Deponent's discharge was at that time recorded

~~Given~~ Sworn the tenth day of March 1818 before me ? Smith First Judge Mad[~~ison~~] C[~~oun~~]ty

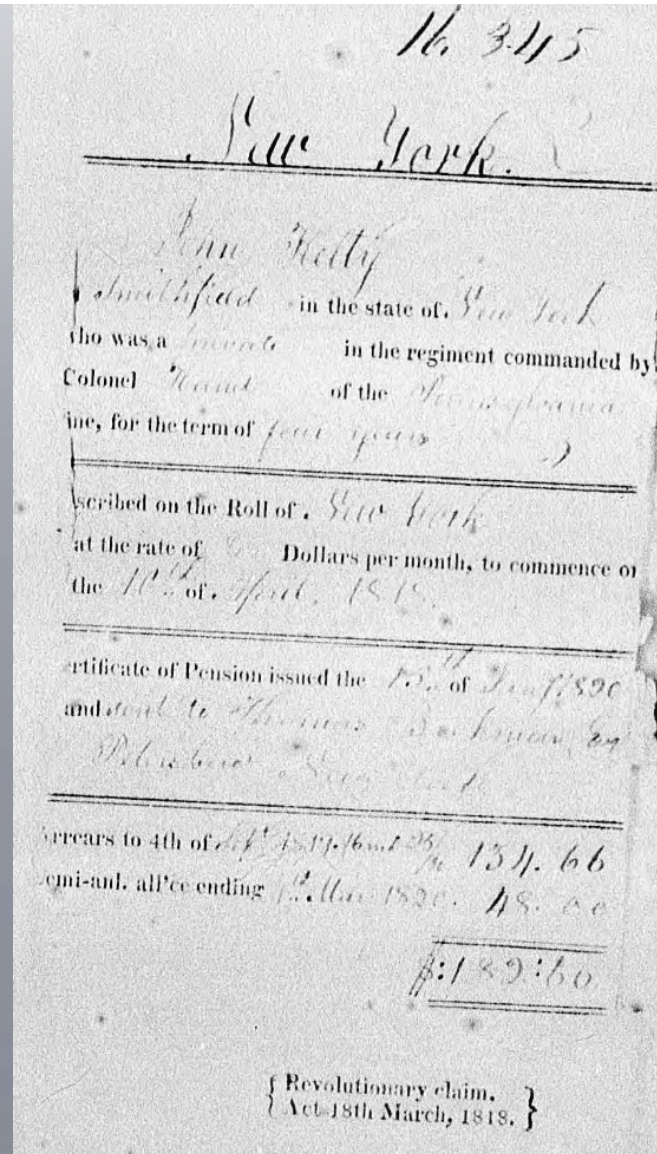
John ~~Tilly~~ Kelty his mark

1819

Received
Pension
totaling

\$182.66

Ending in
1820



1820

**Declaration &
Inventory for
Continued
Revolutionary
War Pension
under Act of
1820
requiring
proof of
financial need**

State of New York
Madison County }

On the 10th day of June 1820 per-
sonally appeared in open court being a court of
Record in & for the County of Madison in the State
of New York John Kelt aged eight nine years
& upwards resident in said County who being
first duly sworn according to law doth depose
his oath declare that he served in the Revolution-
ary war as follows. He enlisted in the County
of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania under
Captain Matthew Smith and was after-
wards commanded by Captain Michael Simpson
in Colonel Francis Regiment afterwards Colonel
Chambers first a Regiment of Riflemen and af-
terwards transferred to the Infantry in the
Brigade of General Wayne. That he was in
the Battle of White Plains in the year 1795
in that of Princeton in that of Red Bank

...his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows . He enlisted in the county of Lancaster in the state of Pennsylvania under **Captain Matthew Smith** and was afterwards commanded by **Captain Michael Simpson** in **Colonel Hand's Regiment** afterwards **Colonel Chambers**. first a **Regiment of Riflemen** and afterwards transferred to the **Infantry in the Brigade of General Wayne**. That he was in the **Battle of White Plains** in the year 1776 in that of **Princeton** in that of **Germantown**. That he enlisted in the latter end of said July or beginning of August in the year 1776 for three years or during the war & was **honorably discharged by General Wayne at Trenton** after having served for **about four years and a half**.

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rged by General Wayne at Trenton after hav-
ing served for about four years and a half -
That on the tenth day of April 1818 he made
his original declaration and has obtained
a Pensioners certificate dated the fifteenth



WHITE PLAINS

New York | Oct 28, 1776



GERMANTOWN

Philadelphia | Oct 4, 1777



PRINCETON

Jersey | Jan 3, 1777

Precious details of his service from John Kelty's Declaration and Inventory, submitted after the Act of 1820

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1820 Schedule for Revolutionary War Pension

Schedule -
Real Estate — none -
Personal Property -
1 Welch Coin. \$14 - 3 Spring pigs \$3 - 1 Spade \$5
- 1 Hoe 25¢ - 1 Shovel 1 oval Basket - 1 round Basket
- 1 Table and a few other old books & trinkets
value - 3 Hot tanks - 10 common chairs - 1 com-
mon table - 1 bandage stand - 3 bandage sticks - 1
Broom - 1 pair cast iron shoes - 1 pair Shovel &
Tongs - 3 more books - a small quantity of
clothing & common knives forks pen & spoon
5 tin cups for the use of my family - 1 wash tub
1 chair - 1 age - 4 Bushels of wheat - 5 Bags
a good deal more - a few old barrels and
some iron pots and kettles for family use -

1 But Salt meat - 70 lbs flour - 1 Iron wedge
- 2 Bells rings. 1 tin horn - hammer - 2 gimlets
- 10 lbs each rough shingles some trifling ac-
tories not above the value of one dollar -
Some amount of property — \$44.-58
Cash on hand ————— 6.00
Left due me by Smith about — 55.00
Do do I take in wood — 2 " 25"
Do do In Tipples in cash — 37 1/2
do do In Tally ———— 1.75

\$ 100.75

Stone	
Blackland & Mardack	\$24.00
5 Hets in cash	7.00
B. H. Miller	2.00
L. Kefman	5.00
	38.00
	\$50.45

I am a laborer and have no mechan-
ical trade. I have residing with me my
wife aged 57 or 58 years - one daughter ex-
actly 30 who has the use of but one arm
and one daughter aged 17 who lives with
me taken out of employment I am
unable to do house work. John ^{his} & Kelly
leave me 3 Smith first ledge Madison
County -

War Department, 16,345.

PENSION OFFICE.

Nov 8th 1820.

SIR,

You are hereby informed that the schedule of your property has been examined ; and the Secretary of War has directed your name to be continued on the Pension Roll.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. Edwards

To Mr.

Mr Kelly,
Meigs County
Tennessee

1820
Notice that
John Kelty
was continued on
Revolutionary War
Pension Roll
having shown financial need

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Winter at Valley Forge

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Winter at Valley Forge 1777 - 1778



General Anthony Wayne and his troops (the **1st** and 2nd **Pennsylvania Brigades of the Pennsylvania Line**) were present at Valley Forge during the harsh winter encampment of 1777–1778



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<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/videos/valley-forge>

Widow's Pension Application
Signed Affidavit of Jane (Kelty) Gray 4th great
grandmother

State of New York,
 County of Oneida.

On this ~~twenty sixth~~ day of
 January in the year one thousand eight
 hundred & forty six personally appeared in
 open Court before me William Barker
~~Judge of the Superior Court of the City of Utica~~
 Recorder of the Recorder's Court of the City of Utica,
 & State aforesaid Jane Gray a resident of
 the Town of Sarfield in said County who
 being first duly sworn with on her oath
 make the following declaration in order to
 obtain the amount ~~due~~ to her that may be
 due to the heirs of Margaret Kelty who was
 entitled to the benefit of the provision made
 by the act of Congress passed — That she
 is the daughter of John Kelty senior and the said
 Margaret Kelty as will appear by the annexed
 family Record — that her father the said
 John Kelty was a soldier in the war of the
 revolution and drew a pension as will appear
 by the record of the said pension.

This declarant states that her mother the
 said Margaret Kelty never made a pro-
 vision for or received a pension after
 the death of the said John Kelty.

The declarant further states that the
 annexed record is the original family
 record which was kept & recognized as
 such by her said father for many years
 previous to his death and is taken out of
 the family bible which belonged to
 her said father and the said record
 contains as this declarant believes a true
 statement of the time of the marriage
 of the said John & Margaret Kelty and
 of the birth of the children of the
 said father & mother — that since
 the death of the said John & Margaret
 Kelty the said record has been kept
 by the children of the said John &
 Margaret Kelty.

Subscribed & sworn to } Jane Gray
 the day & year first }
 above written Before me }
 in open Court.

The Oath in the 5th line above made before
 me — Wm Barker Recorder &c.

Family Bible Record

John Kelty
married Margaret
Conner 1779 *5th*
great grandparents

Jane Kelty was
born *4th* *great*
grandmother

Jane Kelty
married David
Gray *4th* *great*
grandparents

Jane Ann Gray was
born
3rd *great grandmother*

The End of the OLD TESTAMENT.

John Kelty was married Margaret Conner December 11th 1779
Samuel Kelty was born September 15th 1782 - Died Sept. 21. 1833
Jane Kelty was ^{born} before 4th 1784 Bryan Kelty was born March
the 20th 1784 Owen Kelty was born February 16th 1789
Elizabeth H. Kelty was born January 20th 1791
Catharine G. Kelty was born May 16th 1793
John Kelty was born November 8 1799 Margaret G. Kelty
born November 4th 1802 David Gray was married to Jane ~~Gray~~
December the 17th 1803 Margaret Gray was born October 19th
1804 Died September 12th 1805 Jane Ann Gray was born March
26th 1806 Bryan Kelty was married to Margaret Williams
March 20th 1807 Elizabeth Gray was born September 19
1807 Ann Kelty was born January 16 1808 David Gray was born
July 23 1809 William Kelty was born October 4 1809

22 Sept 1849

After much back and forth, Margaret's widow's pension was approved at \$80 per annum from John's death 4 Dec 1833 until Margaret's death 5 June 1838

Amounts were paid to their surviving children: Jane Gray (my 4th gg), Elizabeth Kelty, Catherine Smith (DAR), and Margaret McChesney.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Claim for Military Service.

I certify that, in conformity with the law of the United States, of the 4th July 1836 (3rd Section) Margaret Kelty dec^d. ^{late of N. Y.} Widow of John Kelty who was a private in the Revolution and died on the 4th Dec^r 1833. is inscribed on the roll of pensioners at the rate of Eighty dollars per annum, commencing on 4th December 1833, and ending 5th June 1838.

The amount is due and payable to Jane Gray, Elizabeth Kelty Catharine Smith and Margaret McChesney only surviving children of the said Margaret Kelty deceased.

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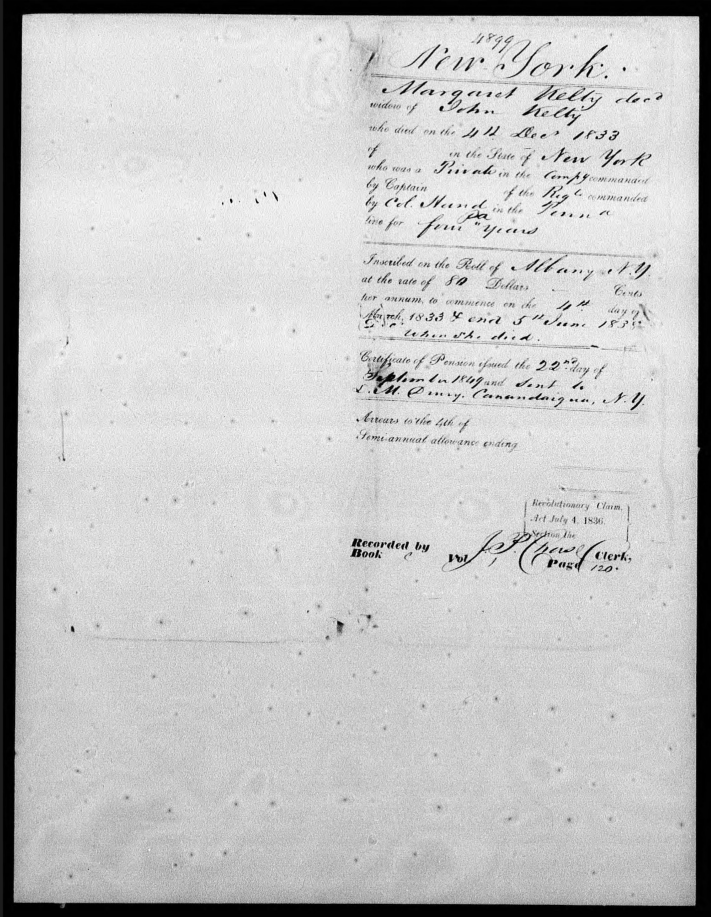
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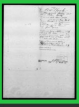
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TO
The Memory of
JOHN KELTY
Born in Cork Ireland.
DIED
Dec. 4. 1833. aged
83 years.

A friend raises this stone to
the memory of a man, who did
justly love mercy, and walked
humbly with his God.

THE
Children of
MARGARET, wife
of
John Kelty.
Place this stone. In
memory of their
beloved Mother, who died
June 5. 1834. in
the 75 year of her
AGE.

By grace are ye saved.
through faith. Eph. 2.8