

Pension Application for John Kelsey

S.13610

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 19th day of July 1832 personally appeared before Joseph B. More a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany and State aforesaid John Kelsey a resident of the town of Rensselaerville in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 71 years & 9 months, 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 7, 1832.

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

That he first entered the said service at New Paltz in the County of Ulster in the State of New York where he then resided in the fall of the year 1778 and joined Capt Ranson's Company as a private and went on the lines and was stationed at a place called Lunen Kill. That he was engaged in guarding the lines, he continued in this service at least one month, when he was dismissed, at Lunan Kill aforesaid and then returned home at New Paltz aforesaid.—

In the spring of 1779 he again entered the said service as a private and enlisted in Capt. Dunscomb's company in Colonel Wisenfelt's regiment, and was attached to the forces under the command of General Sullivan, went first to Marbletown in the lines, then went to Esopus where he went on board of a vessel and sailed up the river to Albany & then went up the Mohawk River in boats, and finally took up quarters near a Lake about 18 miles from Cherry Valley where they staid about 1 month; then he went on with the forces under Genl Sullivan to the Susquehanna and made an attack upon the Indians, and destroyed their fortifications and a large quantity of corn. He was then marched to Genesee and also within about 30 miles of Niagara in pursuit of the Indians and destroying their huts & property &c—until the fall by the same year when he and the said forces were ordered to return.

That they then marched back on their way home through the State of New Jersey and arrived at a place near Morristown, where they commenced building huts for the Army to go into winter quarters. He continued at this place until in the winter and was then discharged and returned home. That he was out in this campaign at least nine months.

That he did not enter the services afterwards. That he did not receive a written discharge, nor has he any documentary evidence to prove his service.

That he knows of no person he can procure to testify to his services at this time except Alexander Mackey and Jonas Kelsey who have made affidavits hereto annexed.

That he lives 30 miles from the city of Albany where the Courts of record are held for the said County of Albany that he is very poor and infirm and is unable to go that distance to attend the court.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) John Kelsey

Sworn & subscribed this 19th day of July 1832 before me J. B. Moore Judge of Albany County Courts.