

Samuel Kelso

Mary Bulman, daughter of Samuel Kelso, filed a claim (FPA r5853) for a pension as an heir of a Revolutionary War veteran. On 06Feb1854, in Hall County, GA she deposed about Samuel Kelso.

Captain Samuel Kelso was born about 1752 in Spartanburg District, SC. Samuel married Martha Jackson in Spartanburg after the war and had five children. After Martha died, he re-married to Lucy Clark. He died 22Dec1817 in Spartanburg. Mary saw the scars from her father's war wounds which she thought occurred at Cowpens. Though Kelso was definitely a senior veteran of SC militia, there was no record that he was a captain. Service dates and battle history show that his wounds might have occurred from the Battle at the Cowpens on 17Jan1781 or Eutaw Springs 07Sep1781.

South Carolina militia pay slips to Kelso showed
26 days as Sergeant from 22 June to 27 July 1779 under Capt. Robt Fearis;
21 days as Lieutenant of foot & 8 days as Lieutenant of Horse in 1779 and 1780 per pay bill of Capt. Mathew Patton certified by Col. Thomas Brandon;
192 days as Lieutenant of Horse from June to 17 December 1780 per pay bill of Capt. Hugh Means as certified by Col. Thomas Brandon;
137 days duty as Horseman from 18 Dec. to 4 May 1781 per pay bill of Capt. Rob. Fearis certified by Col. Thomas Brandon;
178 days as Horseman from May 1781 to 25 Oct. 1782 per pay bill of Capt. James Crawford certified by Thomas Brandon.
His pay was received by Capt. Hugh Means on Dec. 29, 1785.