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## Affidavits from his War of 1812 file

*'Mr. Lyman STEWARD and Orpha STEWARD, both of Clarendon, in Rutland County, Vermont, and of lawful age, depose and say that we are well acquainted with Mrs. Sophia KELSEY, who has this day made her Declaration for Bounty Land in our presence. And in his lifetime, was well acquainted with Elias KELSEY, the husband of Sophia. That said Elias and Sophia KELSEY lived and inhabited together as husband and wife for many years before his death, and during our whole acquaintance with them - and was even reported in the neighborhood and believed to have been lawfully married; and that they raised a family of children.*

*That Sophia has no family Bible record of her marriage or her husband's death, and we have no knowledge of any public record of Executor. That the sd Elias KELSEY died at Salisbury, Vermont, on the 29th day of April 1832; that sd Sophia KELSEY has not intermarried since the decease of sd Elias, but has remained and still is his widow - and unmarried. We have no interest in her claim for Bounty Land.*

*State of Vermont, Rutland County, dated 13th of November 1856.*

*Lyman STEWARD  
Orpha STEWARD'*

*Washington County, State of New York, Town of Jackson. I, Solomon ACKLEY of the Town of Jackson, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that I am acquainted with Sophia KELSEY, the widow of Elias KELSEY. I was present when they were married. They were married at the house of Arthur ACKLEY in the Town of Cambridge, now White Creek, and I know her to be the widow of Elias KELSEY.*

*Solomon ACKLEY [his mark]*

*William ACKLEY [witness]*

*Sworn to before me this 28th day of August 1856, Paul DORY, Justice of the Peace.'*

*'Washington County, S.S.*

*I, Hannah ACKLEY, of the town of White Creek, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that I am acquainted with Sophia KELSEY, the widow of Elias KELSEY, deceased. I was present when they were married; they were married at my home in the town of Cambridge, now White Creek, some time between the years 1794 and 1802.*

*Hannah ACKLEY [her mark]*

*Sworn to before me this 25th day of August 1856, James S. ROBERTSON, Justice of the Peace.'*

*A letter from the Salisbury, Vermont Postmaster, dated 3 Nov 1865, stated that Sophia ACKLEY was residing in Salisbury with her son, Loyal J. KELSEY. Letter dated 10 Mar 1869, from Damon E. CHENEY, Attorney of Orange, Massachusetts, states that "Mrs. KELSEY is not living." Therefore, it is reasonable to assume from these letters that Sophia KELSEY died sometime between 3 Nov 1865 and 10 Mar 1869. Vermont Vital Records Department, however, has been unable to locate a death transcript on her, nor have we been able to locate the cemetery where Sophia was buried.*