

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Kirkpatrick VAS1100

vsl 69VA

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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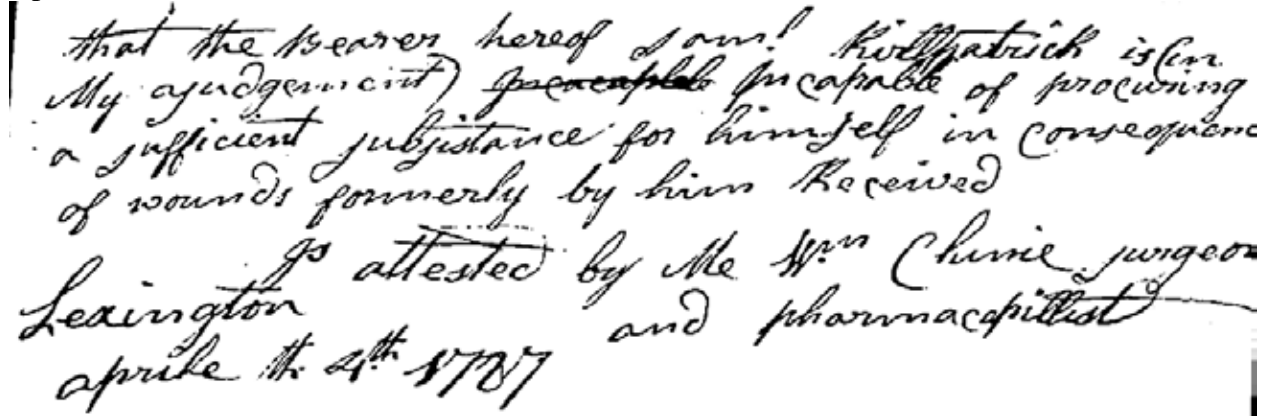
That the Bearer hereof Samuel Kirkpatrick is in my judgment incapable of procuring a sufficient subsistence for himself in consequence of wounds formerly by him Received.

Is attested by me

William Chime Surgeon
and pharmacapillist

Lexington

April the 4th 1787

A handwritten cursive document enclosed in a rectangular border. The text reads: "that the Bearer hereof sam^l Kirkpatrick is in my judgement) incapable of procuring a sufficient subsistence for himself in consequence of wounds formerly by him Received. Is attested by me W^m Chime surgeon and pharmacapillist. Lexington April the 4th 1787".

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At a Court continued and held for Rockbridge County April 4th 1787

Samuel Kirkpatrick of this County a pensioner aged about forty-eight years appeared in Court and produced satisfactory proof that he has received several Wounds in the Service of the United States at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], under the Command of Colonel Samuel McDowell, – Whereupon it is the opinion of the court that he is rendered incapable of laboring for a subsistence for himself and family and all to be continued, and that the distance and his Circumstances will not reasonably admit of a personal application to the Executive which is ordered to be certified

A Copy test

S/ Andrew Reid, Clerk

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I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that Samuel Kirkpatrick, aged about 48 years, late a private in the Militia of Rockbridge County, whose pay while in service was 6 2/3 dollars per month, was disabled in the service of the United States by Several wounds received at the battle of Guilford; and that he is allowed the sum of Twelve Pounds yearly, to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 17th day of April 1787

T. Meriwether

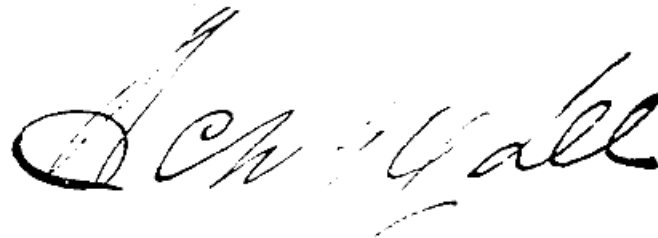
S/ Edm. Randolph

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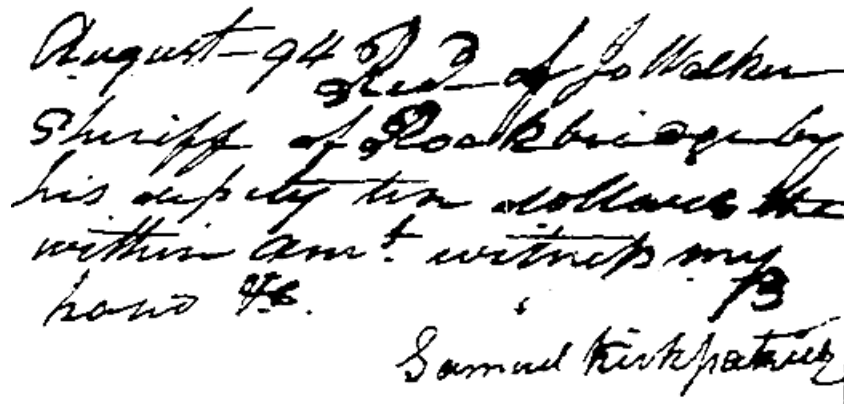
I do with the advice of Council hereby certify that Samuel Kirkpatrick late a soldier in the service of this Commonwealth is put on the list of Pensioners of this State with an allowance of three pounds in addition to the allowance made him by the United States yearly commencing the 20th day of December 1792 pursuant to an act of Assembly for allowing Pensions to certain persons past the 20th of December 1792. Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 29th day of October 1793.

Sam Coleman

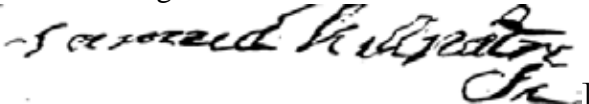
S/ Henry Lee



[p 14: the following is a receipt signed by the veteran for his pension which I have included simply to give an example of his signature:



[Note: the vast majority the documentation in this file relates to the annual authorization disbursement and receipt of the pension which was paid semiannually. The pension appears to have been paid through the year 1816, presumably the year in which the veteran died. By September of 1814, the last year in which there appears to have been a signed receipt by the veteran his signature had deteriorated as follows



[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Rockbridge County Legislative Papers

To the Hon. The Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of Samuel Kirkpatrick of the County of Rockbridge a Militia Soldier in the revolutionary war with England humbly represents. That he was severely wounded at the Battle of Guilford Court house by having the fingers of his hands cut off and rendered useless, both arms cut and injured and his head & shoulders hacked in the most inhumane manner: whereby he has been unable ever since even to cut his own food.

While your petitioner's family lived with him his wants and necessities were cheerfully attended to by them, and he relieved, from all anxiety about maintenance (and that indispensable requisite for his existence), nursing and constant attention, But they are all married and have left him, and his wife lately dead. He is well assured that no lack of all [indecipherable word] on the part of his children would take place during his lifetime, but he as well knows that his helpless situation together with the infirmity of old age which is greatly added to by the wounds aforesaid, will and does require more attention than can be given by any of his family without a great sacrifice of their interest and comfort; he is therefore unwilling to depend entirely on them, but look to his Country with confidence for support: and in whose service, and for whose defense, he is, and has been, so severely afflicted.

It is true his Country has not been unmindful of him, he has received and is entitled to receive from the General Government \$40 per annum from the 1st of January 1786 and from the State of Virginia \$10 per annum in addition to the above for a considerable time past, This sum under the circumstances before mentioned of his family living with him, and bestowing that kind and unremitted attention to his wants and comfort, as before stated, was sufficient, but never equal to a support. He prays that his case may be taken into consideration by your Hon. body and such relief granted him as they in their wisdom may think Just.

November 10th, 1817

S/ Samuel Kirkpatrick



[reverse]

Petition of Samuel Kirkpatrick a Soldier of the Revolution

December 16th, 1817

Referred to Claims

Reasonable

December 23rd

Reported December 27th

Bill drawn January 9th 1818

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do testify that we are acquainted with the petitioner Samuel Kirkpatrick who is a pensioner of the United States for Wounds received in the Revolutionary War with England. We know & believe that the facts set forth in his petition for an increase of his pension are true, and we add that from the severity of his wounds and his crippled situation we think better entitled to an increase and extraordinary pension than any pension or with whom we are acquainted which we certify under our hands this 4th day of December 1817

S/ John Robinson

S/ James McDowell

S/ John McClelanel [?]

S/ Andrew Reid
S/ J. Leyburn [?]
S/ Andrew Alexander

John Robinson
James Maxwell
John Campbell
And. Reid
J. Leyburn
And. Alexander