## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

## PENSION REQUEST OF JOSEPH KIRKHAM R20392

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Revolutionary Claims

Form of a Declaration to be made by the Non-Commissioned Officers, Musicians, and Privates.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I Joseph Kirkham of (blank) in the county of Perry in the State of Alabama do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period, I was a private in Captain Henry Ellison's Company in the 3? Regiment of the Continental Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778. I enlisted in the state of Georgia & there was discharged.

And Tfurther declare, that I was not, on the fifteenth day of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States. A furthermore, that I received a regular discharge which is lost or mislaid & that I have never been on the pension list.

Witness my hand, this twenty fifth day of August, in the year 1829.

Attest Joseph Kirkham William Scott, J.P.

Before me, Wm Scott an acting Justice of the Peace in the county of Perry in the State of Alabama personally appeared, this day (Joseph Kirkham crossed out] and Joseph Jemison & Robert Jemison of the said county, who did severally make oath that Joseph Kirkham by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed, is generally reputed and believed to have been a soldier in the Army of the Revolution, in manner as therein stated.

Witness my hand this 21st day of August in the year 1829

Attest Joseph Jemison
William Scott J. P. Robert Jemison

1 David McCullough Clerk of the Court of the County of Perry in the State of Alabama do hereby certify, that Wm Scott before whom the foregoing affidavits were sworn, was, at the time a Justice of the Peace and duly empowered to administer oaths.

I testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed (the Seal of the said Court crossed out) my private seal Now having no seal of office this 24th day of August 1829.

(seal)

David McCullough Clerk of the County Court of Perry Co, Ala.

Ngot my discharge at the last siege at Savannah Joseph Kirkham

Rejected

..... Ex'r. OLD WAR

File No. 20392

Joseph Kirkham

Pri

Capt Ellison

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Not Allowed

Oct 1828?

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Perry C. H. Jany 9

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Honbl Samuel D. Ingham

Secretary of the Treasury of this US Washington

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Revolutionary Claims

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........... Perry County Ala Jany 6th 1830

Mr. Ingham

Dear Sir-Therewith enclose you the claim of Joseph Kirkham a Revolutionary soldier-which was returned from the treasury department for want of the County Seal.

Being myself clerk of the County Court of this county and there (never?] having been a Seal of office and (agreeably?] to act of the Legislature of Alabama when there is no Seal of office a certificate of the clerk under his private Seal has the force and effect of an official one. Ithen (more?] cheerfully write to you to take this patriot of the revolution to (relieve?] the (destroys?] of age and affliction on account a personal acquaintance with (you at the young???] at that period. The recollection is yet fresh in my memory - a Pennsylvanian by birth and educated I glory in Telling the citizens of my native state, honored with them ..... the gift of the Exec.... of my country. Buck ..... and .... Countries. I have a general acquaintance having been at school in all of them and ..... reach in public life.

If there yet remain anything to make the claim of Kirkham legal, please let me know and .... to Perry C. H. Perry Co. Ala. I am (disturbed?) with the management of his accounts and the ..... direction ... maybe because to the ..... as above.

With Sentiments of respect I am your friend and ..... Servt.

## David McCullaugh

(Note: Samuel D. Ingham was Secretary of the Treasury, 1829 - 1831, in Andrew Jackson's administration.