

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Kirkpatrick

R 2991

Transcribed by Susan K. Zimmerman and R. Neil Vance
[Original spelling and punctuation retained]

Declaration
Margaret Dodds
wid. of Thos. Kirkpatrick

State of Illinois
Sangamon County

On the first – day of ---- March 1843 Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for Said County Margaret Dodds formerly Margaret Kirkpatrick a resident of the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois aged Ninety one years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the Benefit of the Provisions made by the act of Congress Issued July 4, 1836 That she is the widow of Thomas Kirkpatrick who was a Volunteer in the Service of the United States in South Carolina near to the line of North Carolina That they lived in the County of York in S Carolina That he went into the service in November Seventeen hundred and seventy eight about six months after she was married to him That She was married to said Thomas Kirkpatrick by one Mr Alexander a Minister of the Presbyterian Church in June Seventeen hundred and seventy eight in York Co S Carolina That said Kirkpatrick was a Member of said Church That she had only one Child named Hannah by her said Husband Thomas Kirkpatrick and she was born on the Sixteenth(?) day of January Seventeen hundred and eighty and that her said Husband was out in the Service when she was born; and nearly all the time until he was taken prisoner by the British on Briar Creek in S. Carolina in the Summer of Seventeen hundred and Eighty one [Note: Kirkpatrick was as the Battle of Briar Creek in Georgia in March, 1779, but he was not captured at that battle.] That he was taken to Sullivans Island a Prisoner where he was taken sick and was removed unto Charleston So. Carolina where he soon died as she learned by her friends as well as by a letter she received from the man at whose house he died which letter has long since been lost or destroyed and she does not remember the mans name. That she does not know of any record of their Marriage or his Death or whether he was an officer or not. That she believes he was a Captain when he first went out and was afterward made a Major or Colonel and that he was called Capt. Kirkpatrick when she married him. That she heard he died of a Fever And that after the death of her said Husband T Kirkpatrick She Married again to one Francis Dodds in the Fall of Seventeen hundred and Eighty three and that she had seven children by him and that he the Said Francis Dodds died in Decr 1797 The days of the months in the foregoing declaration she does not remember distinctly enough to be qualified to. That she is still a widow and has remained a widow since the Death of the Said Francis Dodds.

Sworn to and Subscribed on this First	her
day of March 1843	Margaret (X) Dodds
Before me	mark
(signed) James B. Easley Justice of the Peace	
attest (signed) J.L. Drennan	
(signed) Wm Drennan Jr	

State of Illinois
Sangamon County

Be it known that on this fourth day of March 1843 before the Subscriber Clerk of the County Commissions Court of Said County personally appeared Gilbert Dodds and Made oath that the enclosed two leaves purporting to be a family Record of his family has been a long time in his family and kept by him and he believes it is correct.—That Margaret Dodds his reported mother now Ninety one years old has been with him during the last twenty seven years and he has often heard her relate the particulars of

the Service and Death of her Previous husband Thomas Kirkpatrick and that he was taken Prisoner by the British and taken to Charleston South Carolina where he died – and has after related the Substance of what she has set forth in her Declaration herewith accompanying to obtain a Pension.

That his Father Francis Dodds and Mother Margaret Dodds be believes to be his legitimate Parents and that he is one of their Seven children Specified in her declaration. That he thinks there is no family record in existence of his Mothers Marriage to the Said Kirkpatrick or to his Father Francis Dodds or of Said Kirkpatricks Death –

Sworn to and Subscribed (signed) Gilbert Dodds
This 4th day of March 1843. –

(signed) N.W. Matheny clerk County
Commissions Court for Sangamon County Illinois
[note inserted in margin of letter reads: "it was cut from my family Bible"]
[A family record of Gilbert Dodds , his wife Mary Clinton, and their children is included]

Territory of Iowa
County of Jefferson

Be it known that on the 31st day of June 1843 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid Personally appeared John Kirkpatrick aged Seventy three years who (I certify to be a person of undoubted veracity) and made oath that he is personally acquainted with old Mrs. Margaret Dodds formerly Margaret Kirkpatrick and have lived in the Neighborhood where she lived Several years and been acquainted with her more than Sixty years, that my Father Thomas Kirkpatrick married the said Margaret Dodds for his second wife in the month of June 1779 in York County South Carolina at which time I was a boy about nine years old That my Father Thomas Kirkpatrick lived with the said Margaret as man and wife til he went into the Service of the United States. That he was an officer before he went out. That he the said Thomas Kirkpatrick went into the service in 1779 and served two years or more in South Carolina and held the rank of Captain when he went out and was promoted to a Major but cannot Say how long he was Major That my Father Thomas Kirkpatrick while in the Service of the United States was taken prisoner by the British and taken to Charleston and died in Charleston in South Carolina, in the summer of 1782. That he was in the Service of the United States when his daughter was born about the middle of January 1780. That he had but this daughter (who is now dead.) by Mrs Dodds formerly Mrs Kirkpatrick – That after my Fathers decease She Married to Francis Dodds with whom she lived for Several years when he died. and She has been a widow ever since. That I believe she Married to Dodds in 1783. That Margaret Dodds now living in Sangamon County Illinois is the Identical Person who was Married to my Father Thomas Kirkpatrick aforesaid in York County South Carolina in the month of June in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy nine. I certify further that Margaret Dodds was left in Charge of my fathers family as Stepmother of his Children and on Settlement of my fathers Estate She Claimed and obtained her right of dower and I further State that there is no family Record of my fathers to my Knowledge Cannot Recollect the Regiments that he Served in nor his Commander (but think the Colonels name was Neal my father was a Captain in the Militia of South Carolina and went out in to Service Several times served as much or more than two years as Captain and Major.

(signed) John Kirkpatrick

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this the 5th of June 1843

(signed) Smith Ball
Justice of the Peace

State of Illinois
Madison County

On this Nineteenth Day of May A.D. 1843 before me John Ives an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Isaac Gillham an old Revolutionary Pensioner {FPA S32270} now on the Roll of the Illinois Agency aged Eighty Six Years and made oath to the following Statement –

That said Deponent formerly lived in York County South Carolina during the time of the Revolutionary War and was personally acquainted with Thomas Kirkpatrick in said York County who was married to one Margaret Watson now Margaret Dodds – That the said Thomas Kirkpatrick was drafted from the Militia and went into the service of the United States and served several different Tours of Fifty Days each previous to his being taken Prisoner at his own Residence by Capts Houck and Adamson British Officers and went to Charleston South Carolina on parole where he was put on board a British Vessel and kept there until he was nearly dead and then was discharged and died in a few Days – That the said Thomas Kirkpatrick was a Major in the Army and was so at the time of his death That he died in the summer of 1780 And said Deponent says that he lived only about Four Miles from said Thomas Kirkpatrick and Married one of his Daughters A.D. 1787 and was personally acquainted with the Family of the said Thomas Kirkpatrick during the War of the Revolution and personally knew the said Thomas Kirkpatrick to be an acting Major in the service of the United States and that Margaret Kirkpatrick the Widow of the said Thomas Kirkpatrick was Married to one Francis Dodds A.D, 1781 or 1782 and further this Deponent saith not ---

(signed) Isaac Gillham

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 19th Day of May A.D. 1843

(signed) John Ives J.P.

Attst

John Ives
Isaac Gillham

State of Illinois
Madison County

Before me John Ives an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Isaac Gillham the Identical Person who executed the foregoing Affidavit and in addition to said Affidavit deposed and says that Thomas Kirkpatrick and said Deponent served one Campaign together between the years of A.D. 1775 and A.D. 1780 in the service of the United States on Savannah River in the southern part of South Carolina under the command of General Lincoln also that said Thomas Kirkpatrick and Margaret Watson now Margaret Dodds lived together as Man and Wife for some years and until he was taken prisoner as stated in said foregoing Affidavit

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this Twelfth Day of
June A.D. 1843

(signed) Isaac Gillham

John Ives J.P.

Declaration
Margaret Dodds
of
Illinois
1836
State of Illinois
Sangamon County

Be it known that on this 6th day of June 1843 Personally appeared Margaret Dodds in open Court Judicially Sitting and Signed & Made Oath to the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed 4 July 1836 & other acts in Relation to Pensions. That She Margaret Dodds is a Resident of Sangamon County & State of Illinois aged Ninety one years. that She formerly lived in York County South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. That She was married in said County in June 1778 to one Thomas Kirkpatrick (who was then a widower and had several Children) That she had one child only, Hannah by Name, by Said Thomas Kirkpatrick who was born on the 16th January 1780. and Died some years since. That her Husband Thomas Kirkpatrick was Drafted and went into the Service of the United States about Six Months after they were Married, she thinks in November 1778. that he came home occasionally but went again into the Service and was in the Service when Hannah was born and

nearly all the time after he first went out until he Died --- That he was taken Prisoner by the British and carried to Sullivans Island was taken sick and was removed to Charleston S. Carolina in 1781 where he Soon died. She cannot State only on the information of Friends as to the exact time of his Death She had a letter informing of his Death which letter was long since lost. That Said Thomas Kirkpatrick was called Capt Kirkpatrick when she married him and she believes was afterwards made a Major in the Militia while in the Service and was a Major at the time of his death. That She cannot swear how long time he served in the war but believes fully a year and a half. That after the Said Thomas Kirkpatrick's Decease She Married to one Francis Dodds by whom She had Seven Children who Died Decr 1797. that she is now and has remained the widow of Said Francis Dodds ever since his Death in 1797 -- That She knows of no record of either of her marriages and the lapse of time has removed nearly all the testimony which she would have been able to obtain and so with regard to precise dates of several Points in the declaration That she is very old and infirm and does not like to be sworn to any uncertain points That She could have substantiated her claims some years ago by Several Living testimonies who are now gone to their ?? homes.

In Witness of the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand
Sworn to and Subscribed this 6th day of June 1843
Before me N W Matheny Clerk of Co
Court Clerk Sangamon Co
Ills.

her
Margaret (X) Dodds
mark

Springfield Illinois,
On June 6th, 1843

Springfield Ills 14 Aug 1843

J.L. Edwards Esq.

Dear Sir The Papers of Margaret Dodds [to] avail herself of her rights to Pension were forwarded to you some weeks time And having heard of an old Revolutionary Pensioner living about 100 Miles South in Madison Co. I wrote to get his affidavit and having got I sent it back again to have it more definite and got the Clerks certification – I now transmit it hoping it may answer all doubt and be entirely satisfactory to the Department. Old Mrs Dodds living here 91 years old = John Kirkpatrick living 200 Miles W in Iowa Territory 63 years old = and Isaac Gilham living 100 Miles South of this aged 86 years giving their statements of transactions that occurred above 60 years ago. I think corroborate remarkably as to the material facts. Together with The Recommendatory Letter of Hon. J.T. Stewart who saw the Old Lady here at the Pension office when she made her declaration I think will induce a favorable decision in her behalf.

Truly if the Testimony of one who Served with the Said Thos. Kirkpatrick in one campaign and married his daughter who is long since dead – and his Son John Kirkpatrick who was about 9 years old when his Father died, Providentially both being alive, and both testifying that he was a Major in the Army when he died. I can hardly conceive of more conclusive testimony in the absence of Positive Records –

Praying your favorable & early Decision
I remain Sir your Most obt.

Erastus Wright

Mr. Isaac Gilham is one of the oldest of the Revolutionary Pensioners on the Roll of the Illinois Agency.

Isaac Gilham
Additional Testimony
case of
Margaret Dodds
17 Jany 1844

State of Illinois Madison County

Be it known that on the 15 day of January 1844 before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Isaac Gillham a resident of Said County of Madison aged 86 years the 16th day of November last who I certify to be a person of good repute and a credible witness who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit in addition to the affidavits heretofore made by him in May and June last relative to his knowledge of the service in the Revolutionary War of Thomas Kirkpatrick. on the outset he would remark that it is extremely difficult indeed not to be expected that a person can from recollection give a minute and correct detail of events that occurred more than sixty years ago in a matter that he had never expected through life to be called on to testify – But from the most careful reflection that he is now able to bestow on the matter he now[?] proceeds to state as follows

that he became acquainted with and lived neighbor to Thomas Kirkpatrick in York district South Carolina as early as the year 1767 at that time he was a man with a family – was a very respectable man and a Lieut[e]nant in the Militia

When the Revolutionary War broke out he was a Major in the militia. It was a standing Duty in that part of the State when the militia was called in to Service. that they were to serve fifty days after they arrived at their Station. Ir[r]espective of the distance they traveled or the time in going and returning – Such tours not less than four did Thomas Kirkpatrick serve as a Major of the militia during the War in the Service of the United States one tour or campai[g]n, this deponent served with him probably in the year 1778 – this deponent belonged to a company of horseman and said Kirkpatrick commanded as Major the Infantry – they were marched to the Savannah river and the troops were occasionally together – they served under Genl Lincoln

About the year 1778 the Said Kirkpatrick being then a Widower was married to the Widow whose name was Margaret Watson by whom he had one daughter. In the Summer of 1780 or 81 he was taken prisoner by the British. he was taken by two British Captains (with their Companies) who were named Hook and Adamson. Kirkpatrick was paroled with orders to stand his trial at Charleston – he went to Charleston agreeably to his parole and he was seized upon and put on board of a prison Ship lying out at Sea beyond Sullivans Island – after some time he was taken Sick and when he was near his death he was sent to Sullivans Island and from there to Charleston where he died – he states of course from information but from information of undoubted authority – some one or two years after the death of said Kirkpatrick, Margaret his Widow was married to a man by the name of Francis Dodds by whom She raised a family – that She is now a Widow and is living with her youngest Son, the Revd Gilbert Dodds, in Sangamon County in this State in the year 1786 this deponent was married to the daughter by the first marriage of the said Thomas Kirkpatrick – so that from the connection that existed together with his knowledge of the services of said Kirkpatrick he thinks he cannot be mistaken when he states that the said Kirkpatrick did Serve as a Major not Less than Six months not saying that he did not serve much more than six months in the Service of the United States during the War of the Revolution. a part of which Service was performed before and a part after the marriage with Said Margaret Watson Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written Before me

(signed) Hiram Arthur (J.P.)

(signed) Isaac Gillham

[Transcribers Note: The following is a transcript of Thomas Kirkpatrick's Accounts Audited File from South Carolina. This information is not in the Pension Application]

SC Department of Archives & History
Accounts Audited File #4335

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Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick
his acco. for 60 days duty as Captn dated 8 Feb. 1779 at 70 currcy per day
Amounting to £ 30 Stg
Thirty pounds Sterling

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State of South Carolina To Capt. Thomas Kirkpatrick
Debt

To Sixty Days personal Service at 3.10/0 per day £210..0..0
Stg. £ 30 . _ .. _

Certified By me John Moffett Col.

[Notation in Margin] February 8 Day 1779 Brier Creek Georgia

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Chester Dist.

Robert Dowdle appeared, and made Oath, that the within Accompt is Just, and no payment has
been recd. Sworn to before me 26 March 1784

(signed) Robert Dowdle (signed) ?J. McCall J.P. ?

Received full Satisfaction for the within Accounting Indent No 660

Book U Recd in Guardian duly appointed by Law to the Children of the within named Thomas Kirkpatrick
dec'd ----- (signed) Jos. Feemster

[Notation in Margin] Recd. 26 March 1784

Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas Kirkpatrick
Audited Account No. 4335

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Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[Note: I think it likely the documents transcribed below relate to this veteran but I cannot be 100% positive.]

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[Note: The cover sheet for this Indent is largely illegible as posted online. The following information is taken from Salley's Indents, Book U-W]

No. 660

Lib. U Issued the 18th of July 1785 to Thomas Kirk Patrick for Thirty pound for militia Duty
Sixty Days as Captain per account audited

Principal £30.0.0 annual Interest £2.2.0

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State of South Carolina to Captain Thomas Kirkpatrick

Debtor

February

[?] Day 1779 To Sixty Days personal Service at £3.10/per day £210.0.0

Stg. [Sterling] £30

Certified by me John Moffett Col.²



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Chston [Charleston] Dist. [district]

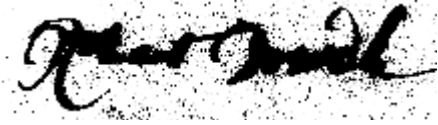
Robert Dowdle appeared, and made Oath, that the within Account is Just and no payment has been rec'd : Sworn to before me 26th of March 178?

S/ Robert Dowdle [Robert Doudle]

J: McCall, JP

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

² John Moffett [a/k/a/ John Moffatt] was a Lieutenant Colonel in the New Acquisition District Regiment. He also served in Thomas Sumter's Brigade.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be "Jas. Feemster".

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Received full Satisfaction for the within Account in Indent No. 660 Book U Rec'd as Guardian
duly appointed by Law to the Children of the within named Thomas Kirkpatrick deceased
S/ Jas. Feemster [could be Jos Feemster] [James Feemster or John Feemster]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be "J. Feemster".