

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Kercheval R5882

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### Declaration

Of William Kercheval in order to obtain a pension under the provision of the Act of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, this declarant saith that he was born in Orange County in the State of Virginia on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1748, that he derived the information of the date of his birth from his father's register which he kept in a book which he frequently saw, At thirteen years of age he removed to that part of Augusta County which is now included in Frederick County, and there continued during the revolution War; That during the War and after the capture [of] Burgoyne at Saratoga [Bemis Heights, October 7, 1777], and the removal of the British prisoners from Winchester to Charlottesville he was drafted as a militia man for a three months tour to guard said prisoners at Charlottes [sic, Charlottesville]; that he went to that place & served out his three months tour; Colonel Phebisher [presumably a mistaken attempt to identify Christian Febiger] was the commanding Officer at that place during the time of his Service. He was a second time drafted for a tour of three months for the same service and went & performed his three months of service & was discharged he does not recollect at this remote period whether he received a written discharge for either of his tours of duty if he did however they are lost or mislaid. He will mention that while he was at Charlottesville in discharge of his duty on he thinks the last tour, they were visited by Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] & his Corps of British Dragoons.<sup>1</sup> After the revolutionary War he removed to the West that he is now a Citizen resident in Logan County in the State of Kentucky & has been for the space of 26 years last past.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before John H Marshall Esquire a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & state aforesaid this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1836

S/ William Kercheval, X his mark

[John M Smith, a clergyman, and Marmaduke B Morton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: A letter in the file indicates that this claim was not granted because the veteran failed to furnish the required level of proof of his service.]

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<sup>1</sup> See, <http://revolutionarywarphotoarchives.org/TarletonsRaidOnCharlottesville/>