

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Kilburn (Kilburn) R5912

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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County & Circuit Sct.

Henry Kilburn, (a resident Citizen of Pulaski County, but resides much closer to the County seat of Rockcastle than the County seat of Pulaski) aged, born June 10, 1763, in open Court upon Oath according to law made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment in the month of February before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], for the period & term for and during the War. He was enlisted by Captain James Nevel [very probably James Newell, a militia officer from Montgomery County Virginia] in Montgomery County Virginia. He does not know that he was a regular officer but he understood he was employed to enlist men for the Continental Army. He with sixteen other regular troops were stationed at Captain Nevels in Montgomery County State of Virginia until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis surrendered when in a few days he was discharged by Captain Nevel. He received from him \$10 – when he enlisted and when he was discharged (he cannot read) a written document which he supposes was a discharge was given him by Captain Nevel which he on his return handed to a Mr. Chainey now deceased. He does not know to what Regiment he belonged, but perhaps Captain Nevil [sic] reported his name to Colonel Wm Campbell [William Campbell], the one who fought at King's Mountain. He does not know of any person living [in] Ky [Kentucky] by whom he can prove his service. He hereby are relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state whatever. He enlisted on his own account as a private. When he enlisted he was promised 200 acres of land & \$200 in money afterwards. He moved to Kentry [Kentucky?] he volunteered under Captain Nathan McClure in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Logan [Benjamin Logan], Logan's Regiment was marched to Louisville in Kentucky, where Logan [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> to raise troops to go against the Shawnees, and Colonel Barnett then took command in the room of Logan. The Regiment then was marched under General George Rogers Clark up the Waubask [Wabash] River above Vincennes now Indiana state. This expedition was called Clark's expedition against the Maumus [?]<sup>2</sup> and was in the year as he now believes 1786. He volunteered in Lincoln County on his own act as a private in

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*Wm Campbell*  
*Maumus*

Lincoln County Kentucky & was gone 40 days on the expedition, when he was discharged (by parole) by Captain McClure in Louisville & this was in the same year if not in "86" that Logan went to the Shawnee towns. He was in no Battles. After his discharge at the close of the revolution he moved to Greenbrier Virginia, then moved to Kentucky and now resides in Pulaski County in said State. The reason why he has applied in Rockcastle is that is now a cripple & he lives in 12 miles of the County seat of Rockcastle & 18 miles to Somerset the County seat of Pulaski. November 24, 1834

S/ Henry Kilburn, X his mark

[Stephen Colyer, a preacher, gave testimony that he has known the veteran for 28 years and has frequently heard him speak of having enlisted in the "old War" and that the veteran is a man of general good character as a man of truth.]

[William Runnells and Caleb Runnells also gave testimony as to the good character of the veteran.]

State of Kentucky Rockcastle County Ct.

Be it known that on the 17 of November 1842, before the Honorable Lental [?] Quarles sole and Presiding Judge of the Rockcastle Circuit Court in open Court Henry Kilburn a resident citizen of Pulaski County, aged in his eighty first year upon his awful oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and 7 of June 1832, That in the month of January 1881 [sic] in the County of Montgomery State of Virginia he enlisted for and during the War in the Revolutionary War, under Captain James Newel [James Newell] who was appointed to recruit men for the Continental service, he enlisted in Virginia state on Continental establishment; the said Newell about the same time and enlisted sixteen or seventeen for the same service, who with this Affidant [sic] was stationed at Captain Newell's about five miles from Fort Chisel [Fort Chiswell] in said County; He remained there in company with the balance and one time on duty in search of Tories, and under the orders of Captain Newell until in the month of November after surrender of Lord Cornwallis he was discharged by Captain Newell, who gave him a written discharge but what has become of it he does not know. During the time he remained at the station at Captain Newell's & [next page: something appears to be missing] faithfully as a soldier obeyed the orders of Captain Newell. He does not know to what Regiment he belonged. In 1785 he came to Kentucky and settled near Danville in Kentucky & in General Clark's Campaign in 1786 as a volunteer in Captain Nathan McClure's Company who was afterwards killed on Rockcastle River by the Indians in Colonel Benjamin Logan's Regiment but who relinquished his command to Colonel Wm Barnett. This expedition was on the Waugh Bash [Wabash] West of the Ohio. In the fall following as he now thinks substituted to go and expedition under Colonel Logan to Nashville in Tennessee (now) and after marching three or four days the detachment was ordered to return. The same year of General St. Clair's Defeat [October 4, 1791] he stood guard one month on the frontiers, and another month during Wayne's Campaign at English's Station in Lincoln County Kentucky and was in many other small scouts in pursuit of the Indians. Some years since he made affidavit for a pension in the Rockcastle Court, but what became of the papers he does not know, if they are not in the pension Office, he does not know where they are.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he hereby declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency or any State. 1<sup>st</sup> He was born in Orange County Virginia. 2. Has no record of his age. 3. He lived in

Montgomery County Virginia when he entered the service and has lived in Kentucky & does now live in said State Pulaski County Kentucky. 4. He has stated that he manner he entered the service. 5. He had no officer except Captain Newell & he has given the particulars of his service.

Sworn & subscribed to this day and year above written.

S/ Henry Kilburn, X his mark

[Stephen Colyer, a Baptist preacher gave a standard supporting affidavit.]