

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Kirkpatrick R5993 Martha Kirkpatrick f60SC

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State of Missouri County of Cooper

On this 6th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the County Court held within and for the County of Cooper aforesaid now sitting Robert Kirkpatrick a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years the 26th day of October last who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 -- That he first entered the service of the United States from Carhaw [Kershaw] District South Carolina twenty miles from the Town of Camden in the capacity of a militia and private soldier & as a volunteer some time in the spring of 1778 as near as he can now recollect, under the command of Captain Thomas Flatcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall], Major Simmons, Colonel James Marshall and Colonel Lawrence [Lt. Col. John Laurens] Chief in command; that they rendezvoused in Camden in South Carolina twenty miles from the residence of this declarant, from thence they marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina where they remained about two weeks, from thence they marched to the Black Swamp in South Carolina and joined the regular Troops: Officers of the regular Troops as this declarant has entirely forgotten -- where they remained about six weeks from thence they marched to Charlestown in South Carolina and during their march the picket guard of the Americans was fired upon by the British Dragoons, at the Coosahatchie Bridge [Coosawhatchie, May 3, 1779]¹ as well as this declarant now recollects, where a slight skirmish ensued in which Colonel Lawrence [Laurens] was wounded by a ball from the enemy being shot through his right wrist -- that they remained at Charlestown 7 weeks defending the city against the British troops, when this declarant was relieved and permitted to return home after three months service -- in the ensuing summer Charlestown was taken by the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780],² after which they marched up to Camden near the residence of this declarant = this declarant then went up to the Waxhaw settlement 50 or 60 miles from Camden and enrolled his name company of Whigs under the command of James Cannaday [sic, James Cannada] Captain and Major Ben Kimble [sic, Frederick Kimball?] sometime in the month of November next ensuing, where he remained scouting skirmishing and contending against parties of Tories till sometime in the month of April next thereafter, when he was taken sick with the smallpox, and was 6 or 8 weeks unfit for service, after recovering he again joined his Company and continued engaged with the Tories as

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_coosawhatchie.html

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

aforesaid till the British left Camden and marched to Guilford Court house shortly after which this declarant was discharged & returned home after having served as above stated at least 6 months as above stated in the Revolutionary war for which service he claims a pension; This Declarant further declares that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service --

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 the agency of any State --

Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid

Interrogatories propounded by the Court

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Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Kershaw district in the State of South Carolina about 50 miles from Camden in the year A.D. 1763.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer -- I have my age recorded now in my holy Bible now in my possession

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer -- I was living within 20 miles of Camden South Carolina when called into service and since the war I have lived in South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky & Missouri and now live in Cooper County Missouri

Question 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I always volunteered

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- I can only make the same state that I have already made in my declaration (read it)

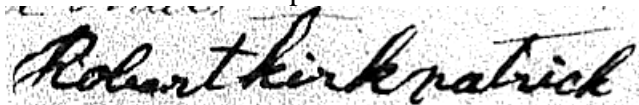
Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer -- I never received a written discharge

Question 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer I can state Alexander Sloan, James Weir, John Weir, Anthony W. Read and others
Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert Kirkpatrick

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Kirkpatrick". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[James L. Wear, a clergyman, and John Miller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 15: On June 20, 1843 in Morgan County Missouri, Martha Kirkpatrick, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Kirkpatrick, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him November 10, 1785 in Lancaster County South Carolina; that they were married by Reverend Robert Findley; that her husband died April 2, 1841 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her

mark.]

[pp 2-3: family record]

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betsy was born November the 22:1787
poly was born august the 2:1789
Jean was born July the 18:1791
Jean was born September the 25:1793
patsy was born July the 18 1796
pegy was born February the 23:1799
Saly was born March the 2:1801
Robert was born September the 11:1802
David was born January the 15th: 1805
Finis E. [?] was born July the 7th 1807
Robert kirkpatrick was born October the 25:1763 and married November he can 1785
marthen his wife was born March the 10:1765
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[p 16: issued to Robert Kirkpatrick showing him entitled to a pension of \$30 per annum for his services in the revolution.]

[p 55: On November 16, 1843 Elizabeth Thomas, formerly Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, gave testimony in Cooper County Missouri validating the family record kept by her father. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 55: Likewise on November 16, 1843 in Cooper County Missouri, Jane Steele formally Jane Kirkpatrick validated the family record as By her father, Robert Kirkpatrick deceased.

Jane Steele]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the South Carolina Continental line.]