

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Kerby (Kirby) S21852

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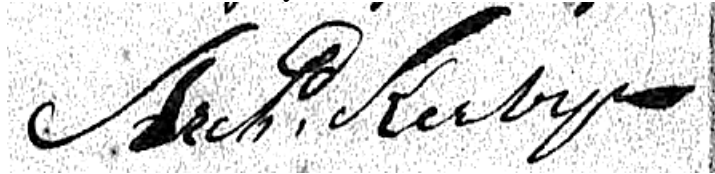
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South Carolina Marion District: Court of Common Pleas Fall Term 1832

On this the 12th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Archibald Kerby age resident of Marion District South Carolina aged sixty-eight years who being first duly 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He was drafted between one & 2 years before the close of the war & marched down to George Town South Carolina under the direction of Lieutenant Thomas Warley. At Georgetown he was placed under the command of Captain Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell] & was stationed in the Fort at that place to guard the town against the British vessels. Colonel Horry [Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Horry] had command of the Fort. [Several indecipherable words] whilst there -- some of General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] came [one or more indecipherable words] the town. -- Deponent stayed in the Fort about two months & ten days, got a discharge & returned to Marion District. In the same year, was drafted again & joined Marion [Francis Marion] on the South side of Santee River Murray's ferry & marched to Watboo [Wadboo] with a Lieutenant & eleven man to keep guard over a soldier who had been shot by the Negroes attached to the British -- Stayed there until the Soldier was sufficiently recovered to be moved to Charleston & then rejoined General Marion at Leneud's ferry on the Santee. Stationed there as a guard but was taken sick, discharged, & returned home. He was out at this time about two months. -- Was drafted again & went back to Santee River Lynches Causeway & was stationed there to prevent the Row Galleys of the British from coming up & stealing the Negroes. Deponent had a Commission in this Tour as a Lieutenant & had the command of 20 men at Lynches Causeway. At this place one of the British galleys approached so near as to fire upon his men but their fire was so sharply returned that they were compelled to retreat beyond the reach of their guns. Stayed there two months & ten days -- got a discharge & returned home. He has thus stated all the general circumstances of his services, as well as a very imperfect memory would allow. He does not recollect the names of any other officers than those he has already mentioned nor any Continental or Militia Regiments. It is with difficulty he can distinctly recollect the circumstances already detailed & will not pretend to a more particular recollection & fact that he has already stated. About three or four years after the close of the war Deponent's father moved into the State of Georgia & deponent went with him. Deponent stayed there about four months & returned to Marion District, leaving in Georgia all his papers among which were the discharges he received during the war, & the commission he held. Since then he

has not seen them. After such a lapse of time he supposes they must be lost. He was living in Marion District South Carolina when he was called into service & with the exception of four months spent in Georgia he has lived in Marion district ever since the close of the war. Was born in said district June 9th 1764 -- his father kept a record of his age which he carried with him to Georgia. He is known to Mrs. Bethea, George Clark, Nathanael Whittington, John Tart, Osborn Lane, Henry Berry Junior who live in his neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Arch<sup>d</sup> Kerby

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Archibald Kerby". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

South Carolina Marion district

Ezekiel Daniel<sup>1</sup> appeared & on oath said that he was with Archibald Kerby in the Revolutionary War -- particularly when he was in the Fort at Georgetown -- he knows that said Kerby served both as a private & a Lieutenant and as he has above stated & believes that all the facts stated in his declaration are true.

S/ Ezekiel Daniel, X his mark

[Edward B. Wheeler & Thomas Evans gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Marion District: In the Court of Common Of pleas & Sessions

On this the 17th day of October A.D. 1833 Personally appeared Archibald Kerby and makes the following statement on oath as an amendment to his declaration for a pension viz. That he was drafted in Marion District & State aforesaid in the year 1780 & served at Georgetown in said State under Colonel Horry, Captain Mitchell & Lieutenant Thomas Warley -- as a private two months & ten days and was then discharged. That in the latter part of the same year or the first of the year 1781 he was drafted again & served under General Francis Marion at Leneud's Ferry where he served two months. That in the year 1781 he was again drafted & served under General Marion with the commission of Lieutenant at Lynches Causeway two months & ten days and was discharged -- said deponent further states that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his service except the above deponent Ezekiel Daniel who is still living but whose affidavit he does not think necessary to be taken again as it is already [attached] to his above first declaration, That he has no documents to prove his service & for their lost he refers to the reasons given in his first declaration, sworn to & subscribed in open court the 18th day of October A.D. 1833

S/ Edward W. Wheeler, CCP

S/ Arch<sup>d</sup> Kerby

[Benjamin Holt, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Ezekiel Daniel S21729](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.22 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 20 days in the South Carolina militia.]