

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Kirkland S32361

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[p 7]

State of Alabama Autauga County: SS

On this 11th day of February A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Alwin A. McWhorter, Judge of the County Court of said County, now sitting, William Kirkland, a resident of said County and State, aged about seventy one 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 while engaged in the war of the Revolution sometime in the year A.D. 1776, as a substitute for Thomas Hill in Kershaw District in the State of South Carolina -- served under Captain John Graves, Major Lyon, Colonel Robert Goodwin and General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] -- crossed the Savannah River at Augusta and marched through the State of Georgia, and met General Howe [Robert Howe] with the regular troops, who came around by water, at the mouth of the St. Mary's River -- He served in this tour four months.<sup>1</sup>

After the expedition to Florida was concluded, he was drafted in Kershaw District South Carolina and served under Captain Joseph Kershaw -- marched to the quarter House near Charleston, and thence to Purrysburg on the Savannah [River], while the British troops lay at Savannah -- In this tour he served two months --

He was a second time drafted in Kershaw District South Carolina and served under Captain Starks [Douglas Starke] and Colonel Thomas Taylor and marched to Orangeburg, in this Tour he served two months --

He then served under the command of Captain Stark three weeks at McCord's Ferry.

His last service was under the command of General Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], twelve months, while the British troops occupied Charleston South Carolina and their Head Quarters were at Camden. The whole of this last mentioned service was confined to the State of South Carolina except when the American Troops were obliged to beat off into North Carolina --

He has no documentary evidence to prove his aforesaid services -- Elijah Ivey, a resident of the same County and State of the applicant, served with him at Orangeburg and Purrysburg, can testify to his services at those places.

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<sup>1</sup> Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe, Commanding Officer] See, also: John Houstoun and the 1778 Expedition to East Florida <https://allthingsliberty.com/2013/12/john-houstoun-1778-expedition-east-florida/>

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State --

To the several interrogatories propounded by the Court the applicant returns the following answers to wit --

*Where and in what year were you born?*

I was born in Kershaw District, in the State of South Carolina -- the precise year I do not know. It was however about the year 1762 --

*Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?*

I have none --

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

I lived in Kershaw District South Carolina while the war lasted -- about the year 1812 I removed to the State of Kentucky where I lived about 14 years -- since about 1826 I have resided in the County of Autauga and State of Alabama

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

In the first service I mentioned in my statement I was a substitute for Thomas Hill, then of Kershaw District South Carolina. In the service at McCord's Ferry I was a volunteer -- In the remaining services I served as a draftsman --

*5. 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.*

I was with General Wade Hampton at Orangeburg I can recollect no others at present, nor the names or numbers of the Regiments Continental or Militia -- the general circumstances of my service as far as I am informed is necessary, I have detailed in my statement --

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

I received no discharge us -- the Militia of the district in which I live were divided into divisions, and at the termination of specified times we took each other's places, with no discharge is given --

*7. 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.*

Elijah Ivey can testify to my services in the Revolution as far as mentioned in my statement heretofore -- Lewis Tyers and Richard Morton can testify as to the other facts above mentioned.

S/ Wm Kirkland



Sworn to & subscribed the day & date

S/ A. A. McWhorter, JAC

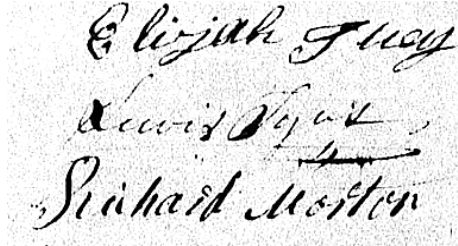
We Elijah Ivy, Lewis Tyus and Richard Morton residing in the County of Autauga County and State of Alabama, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William Kirkland who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration -- that we believe him to be about 71 years of age -- that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion -- and the said Elijah Ivey further certifies that

he served with the said William Kirkland as before mentioned --  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

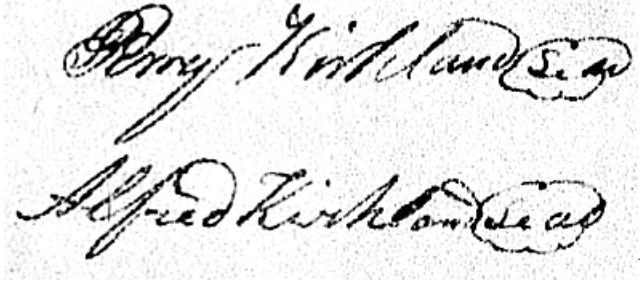
S/ Elijah Ivey<sup>2</sup>

S/ Lewis Tyus

S/ Richard Morton

A rectangular area containing three handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Elijah Ivey", the middle one "Lewis Tyus", and the bottom one "Richard Morton".

[p 12: On April 18, 1839 in Autauga County Alabama, Perry Kirkland and Alfred Kirkland, executors of the last will and testament of William Kirkland, executed a power of attorney seeking to recover on behalf of the estate any pension funds due William Kirkland at his death. The relationship, if any, of the executors to the veteran is not disclosed in the file.

A rectangular area containing two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Perry Kirkland" and the bottom one reads "Alfred Kirkland". Both signatures end with a circular flourish.

[Facts in file: Veteran died October 4, 1838. p 20: according to the finding by the clerk of court of Autauga County Alabama, dated March 9, 1843, the veteran died leaving no widow and Alfred Kirkland and Perry Kirkland, his children and his executors.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$72.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 21 months and 20 days in the South Carolina militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Elijah Ivey S15188](#)