

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kirby<sup>1</sup> S35502

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State of Kentucky

Scott County Sct.

This day personally came John Kirby before me one of the Circuit Judges of the State aforesaid and made oath to the following statement in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War against Great Britain.["] That he the said Kirby did enlist in the regular service aforesaid to serve during the war somewhere about September 1779 in the County of ~~Stafford~~ Spotsylvania & State of Virginia. That he was enlisted by \_\_\_ Barber a Lieutenant or Ensign in Captain Lawly's Company. That he was attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis [probably William Davies]. That he was under the command of Colonel Feebeckir [Christian Febiger] during the next winter or the winter after that at Cumberland Court House. That he was then marched from thence with Colonel Thomas Posey to the State of Georgia in February 1782 or thereabouts; From thence he marched to Ashley Hill South Carolina where he continued till the evacuation of Charleston – That in January he was taken (by Robert Craddock a Lieutenant in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on the Continental establishment) as a waiter and carried to Virginia in January 1783 where during the summer he was honorably discharged by Major Samuel Finley or Colonel Thomas Posey – That his discharge is lost or mislaid, so that he cannot find it. That he has not neither does he at present receive a pension from this, or any other government. That he served nearly all the said time as a Drummer and that he is so aged & in such reduced circumstances as to need the aid of his Country for support. He states himself to be about sixty years of age and is a resident & citizen of Scott County Kentucky.

This day personally came Henry Brown before me one of the Circuit Judges for the State aforesaid and made oath to the following Statement – That he was well acquainted with John Kirby in the revolutionary Army in the years 1781 & 1782 and until this affiant was discharged in 1783. That said Kirby was still in service when he was discharged. That he first became acquainted with said Kirby in the Fall of the year 1781 at Cumberland Old Court House in Captain Robert Craddock's company of the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. And that said Kirby acted in the capacity of Drummer during all the aforesaid time. This affiant states his belief that the said

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt61287-160-55

Kirby is in such reduced circumstances & aged so as to require the aid of the government for his support.

I Benjamin Mills Judge as aforesaid do certify that the foregoing declaration and testimony was this day taken before me according to law and that it does appear to my satisfaction that the applicant John Kirby was enlisted and did serve in the Continental Army for the period of nine months & upwards as in said declaration is stated & that he is in such indigent & reduced circumstances as to require the aid of his country as now provided by law.

Given under my hand this 9 May 1819

S/ B. Mills

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State of Kentucky Scott County Sct.

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record for the County of Scott) John Kirby aged about sixty-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration – that he is a resident in Scott County & State of Kentucky as aforesaid & doth declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows – That he enlisted for & during the war on or about September 1779 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Lowry & was attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment. That he was under the command of Colonel Feebecker during the next winter or the winter afterwards at Cumberland Courthouse. That he was then marched by Colonel Thomas Posey to the State of Georgia in February 1782 or thereabouts. From thence to Ashley Hill South Carolina where he continued until the evacuation of Charleston. That in January 1783 he was taken by Robert Craddock a Lieutenant in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment as a waiter & was carried to Virginia. That during the same year he was discharged by Major Samuel Finley or Colonel Thomas Posey. That his discharge is lost or mislaid so that he cannot find it. That he served nearly all said time as Drummer. That he continued to serve for the term of his enlistment faithfully until the close of the war when he was discharged from said service in Amelia County in the State of Virginia. That his original declaration was made during the year 1819 at or about June court and the number of my pension certificate is \_\_

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

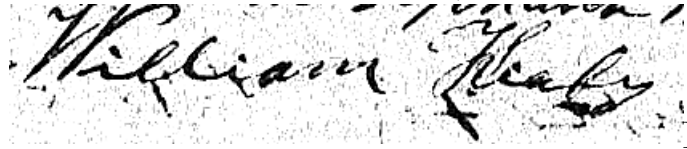
A schedule of the property of John Kirby

To wit one cow worth \$15, four head of hogs worth \$6, That he is a cooper by occupation and unable to do much at it from his age & debility. That he has four children living with him besides himself & wife, the names of the children are Betsey aged 22, Polly aged 20 years, Luckey aged 16 years & John aged 13 years, all of whom contribute but little to his support & the boy is a cripple.

Sworn to & declared by John Kirby on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1820 before the Justices of the Scott County Court in session.

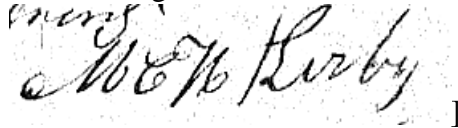
S/ Jo. Thomson Pro. Judge.

[p 4: On February 16, 1857 in Scott County Kentucky, William Kirby, 21 years of age as of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of last May in which he states he is the son of John Kirby, also called John Curby, who was a regular soldier in the Continental line during the revolution; that affiant is the only child of said John Kirby who was under the age of 21 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1855; that his father also served in the War of 1812 in the pack horse service; that his father died in March 1836 leaving a widow who after married her name being Nancy Bennet before her marriage with the affiants father; after the death of the affiants father his mother married John Grisham and departed this life prior to March 3, 1855; he makes this application to obtain the bounty land granted 2 infant children under the act of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1855.



Handwritten signature of William Kirby in cursive script, enclosed in a rectangular box.

[p 16: On April 20, 1857 in Scott County Kentucky, Michael C. H. Kirby, 57, filed an affidavit stating he is the son of John Kirby, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that his father died and had no widow as of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1855; that his half brother William Kirby, has applied for the bounty land for his father's services; that his father and "all his wives" have been dead at least 20 years and that said William Kirby is the only child of his father who was under the age of 21 as of March 3, 1855.



Handwritten signature of Michael C. H. Kirby in cursive script, enclosed in a rectangular box.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 9, 1819 for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental service.]

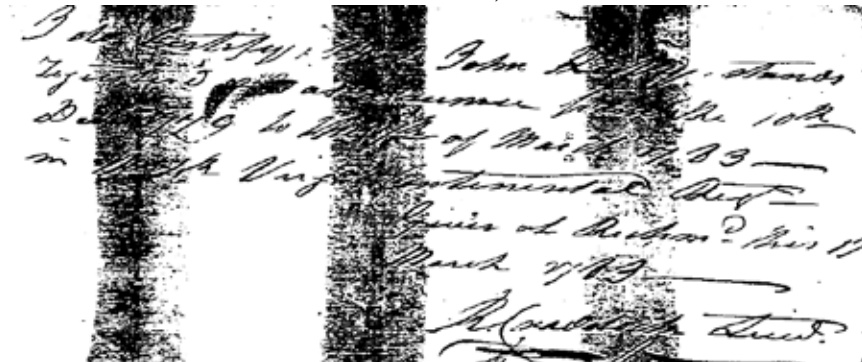
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that John Kirby stands registered as a Drummer from the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1779 to the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1783 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continental Regiment.

Given at Richmond this 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1783

S/ R. Craddock, Lieutenant



Handwritten certificate of registration for John Kirby, signed by R. Craddock, Lieutenant. The text is written in cursive and includes the following details: "I do Certify that John Kirby stands registered as a Drummer from the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1779 to the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1783 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continental Regiment. Given at Richmond this 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1783. R. Craddock, Lieut."