

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Kirk¹ S35511

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State of Kentucky Sct.

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit

At a County Court begun and held for Livingston County at the Court house in Salem on Monday the 18th day of January 1819.

Present. John Puckett, Robert Woodside & William Pippin Esquires, the following order was made. To wit: Robert Kirk an indigent soldier of the revolution came into Court and applied to be heard under the provision made for such persons under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and made solemn oath that he enlisted as an Ensign in the 16th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Grayson in July 1777 for three years, that he served as an Ensign in said Regiment upwards of two years and received his Commission in said Regiment and was appointed Lieutenant in the first Regiment of horse Commanded by Colonel Anthony W White, continued in said Regiment, as a Lieutenant until the end of the war and from his reduced circumstances he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and the court being satisfied of the necessitous circumstances of the Applicant it is ordered to be certified to the proper Office.

I Enoch Prince clerk of the Court of Livingston County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy and transcript of the record in my Office.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said County this 17th day of November 1819

S/ Enoch Prince, Clerk

State of Kentucky at Livingston Circuit Court Sct.

On this 21st day of March 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said circuit & held in the County of Livingston Robert Kirk age sixty-five years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit, that he entered into the service in June or July in the year 1777 in the Continental line of the state of Virginia and Colonel William Grayson's Regiment Captain Grant's company as an Ensign, promoted to a Lieutenant in said company that he served in and about three years in said Regiment – resigned & entered the service in Colonel Anthony W White's Regiment of light dragoons as a Lieutenant remained in said Regiment until the conclusion of the war that he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and at Stony

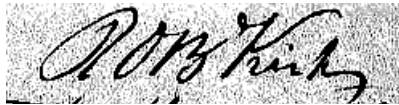
¹ BLWt1214-200 Lieut. Issued Jan. 21, 1790 No papers

Point [July 16, 1779] and that he is on the 18th day of January in the year 1819 made application to the County court of Livingston under the Law of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and there was granted to him by the United States a pension certificate No. __ dated 25th May 1820, And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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

Schedule to wit

I have a claim for 322 acres of unimproved land in the back part of the State of Ohio worth I suppose about \$1.25 per acre and I have no other property whatever. Given under my hand this 21st March 1821

S/ ROB Kirk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robt Kirk", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to and subscribed before the Honorable Benjamin Shackelford Judge of the Livingston Circuit Court the 21st day of March 1821.

Test S/ Enoch Prince, Clerk

Commonwealth of Kentucky Livingston County to wit

Among the proceedings had in the County Court of said County all the following:

Be it remembered that at a County Court continued and held for Livingston County at the Courthouse in the Town of Salem on the 6th day of February 1827

The following proceedings were had:

On motion. This day personally appeared in Open Court the same being a Court of record (Expressly made so by the Constitution and laws of this State) Robert Kirk resident in the County of Livingston aged about Seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820.

That he the said Robert Kirk entered the Service as Ensign and afterwards resigned and then re-entered the Service as Lieutenant for and during the War sometime in the year 1780 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain __ Pemberton [probably Thomas Merton] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Anthony W Whyte in the line of the State of Virginia on the Virginia Continental establishment: That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the War, When he was discharged from the Service in Augusta County in the State of Virginia: That his name has been placed on the Pension List and dropped there from On account of his Property –

And in pursuance of the act of the first May 1820, said Kirk doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18th day of March 1818, and that he

has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed

Schedule

All the property of which I am now possessed consist of my wearing apparel and no more.

S/ Robert Kirk²

That he has no particular profession, and not able to pursue any that requires bodily exertions, he lives with his son Harvey Kirk on whom he is dependent for support and who is ill able to afford it – being only in ordinary Circumstances and having a family to support by his own exertions, That since the Exhibition of his first schedule the following changes have been made in his property viz.

Description Property	Names of persons to whom Disposed of	Time of Sale	Amount of money or Description of property received in return
A claim to 322 acres of unimproved land in the back part of the state of Ohio	General James Taylor of Shipping port Kentucky	In the year 1822	About one hundred fifty dollars

I Robert Kirk of Livingston County in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I was an Officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such for and during the end of war (first as an Ensign, and afterwards resigned and then reentered the Service as Lieutenant) At which period I was a Lieutenant in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Anthony W White of the Virginia Continental line in the Company commanded by Captain Pemberton. And I also declare that I afterwards received Certificates (Commonly called Commutation Certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay which sum was offered by the Resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783 instead of half pay for life to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780. And I do further declare that I have received of the United States as pensioner since the 3rd day of March 1826 nothing:

Witness my hand this 25 day of July in the year of our Lord 1828

S/ Robert Kirk, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing January 18, 1819 for service as a Lieutenant for 3 years in the Virginia Continental Cavalry.]

² since this is a certified copy of the original, the signature is not that of the veteran