

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Spencer Kilpatrick (Kirkpatrick) S38894

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South Carolina Lancaster District: Spencer Kirkpatrick being sworn saith he enlisted in the revolutionary War on the Continental establishment under Captain William Mitchell for two years in the artillery in South Carolina and served under Colonel Roberts [perhaps Owen Roberts of the South Carolina 4th Regiment] and served his enlistment out and obtained his discharge which is herewith produced he further says he is in indigent circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support he further saith he has no other evidence of his services in his possession.

And he further says he is a resident in the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to before me this 13th of November 1818

S/ David Johnson

S/ Spencer Kirkpatrick, X his mark

South Carolina

I David Johnson one of the associate Judges of the said State do hereby certify that it appears to me my satisfaction that the said Spencer Kirkpatrick did serve in the Revolutionary war as stated on the foregoing Declaration against the common Enemy for the term therein also stated on the Continental establishment. I am also satisfied that he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court of Common Pleas of the said State at Union Court House the 6th of September 1819.

S/ David Johnson

The State of South Carolina Chesterfield District: In the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas
November Term 1822

Be it remembered that on this eleventh day of November A.D. 1822 before the Honorable Richard Gantt presiding Judge of the said Court, the same being a court of record for the said District exercising and unlimited jurisdiction in all criminal and civil cases at law, personally appeared in open Court Spencer Kilpatrick aged about Sixty-six a resident of Chesterfield District aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath declares, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. He enlisted in the Regiment of Artillery attached to the South Carolina line in the Army of the revolution commanded by Colonel Roberts at the time of his enlistment and afterwards by Colonel Grimke¹ in the company at the time of his enlistment

¹ [John Faucheraud Grimke W11088](#)

by Captain William Mitchell. The time of enlistment not recollected but he served under it about one year and 10 months and at the expiration of which he went on board the Brig *Polly* Captain Anthony where he remained two months and then reenlisted in the same Regiment of Artillery in the company commanded by Captain Herman Davis [Harman Davis] for the term of three years which he faithfully served and was regularly discharged by Colonel Grimke whose certificate was forwarded to the war department with his original application for a pension. That he was at the Battles of Stono [June 20, 1779] and Savannah.

That he received a pension certificate from the Department of war dated 23 September A.D. 1819 numbered 14,846

And he does solemnly swear further, that he was a resident Citizen 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 h 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 to wit

100 acres of land (not paid for)	\$150.00
one mare & Colt	25.00
one young mare	25.00
one cow and calf	<u>10.00</u>
	\$210.00

And the said Spencer doth further swear that his occupation is that of a farmer that from age and bodily infirmity he has been unable to support himself and family for 7 years last past that his family consists of his wife Edy and three grown children two daughters aged one upwards of 22 years the other not of age supposed to be about 16 years old -- and a son aged thirty odd [illegible word]² residing with him

Sworn to and declared this 11th day of November 1822 in open Court before
S/ Richard Gantt, Presiding judge

S/ Spencer Kilpatrick, X his mark

[pp 8-9 may be the discharge referred to by the veteran but the document, at least in the Fold3.com version, is illegible.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 13, 1818, for service as a matross for 2 years in the South Carolina artillery on the Continental establishment.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Spencer Kilpatrick
Audited Account No. 4280A

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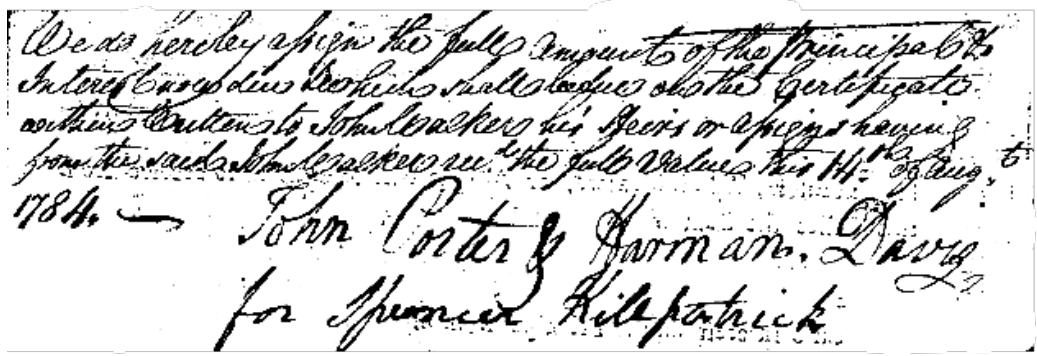
³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 245 Book G dated June 14th, 1784 “delivered to Mr. Spencer Kilpatrick this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of Thirty Seven pounds one shilling and five pence Sterling for pay as a matross in the South Carolina Continental Regiment of Artillery in the year 1780 and 1783 as per account audited.”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, the following endorsement, among others:

We do hereby assign the full amount of the principal & Interest now due or which shall be due on the Certificate within Written to John Walker his Heirs or assigns having from the said John Walker rec'd the full value this 14th of August 1784

S/ John Porter & Harman Davis
for Spencer Killpatrick



We do hereby assign the full amount of the principal & Interest now due or which shall be due on the Certificate within Written to John Walker his Heirs or assigns having from the said John Walker rec'd the full value this 14th of Aug. 1784. — John Porter & Harman Davis for Spencer Killpatrick

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The petition of Spencer Kilpatrick praying some compensation in lieu of the bounty in land to which his Revolutionary services were entitled but which through [undeciphered word or abbreviation] some of his rights he has lost.

Claims

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To the Honorable the Speaker & other Members of the House of Representatives
The humble Petition of Spencer Kilpatrick

Sheweth

That your Petitioner enlisted in the service of his Country in the Revolutionary war in the Regiment of Artillery which was raised in the State of South Carolina & which was afterwards received by the Congress & put upon the establishment of the United States. – That your Petitioner has lately been informed that he was entitled to the bounty in land which this State had previously directed to be granted to the officers & soldiers of the Continental Army & that unfortunately for him the whole of the scant land in the Fork of Keowee and Tugaloo [Rivers] has been already granted.

Your Petitioner begs leave to inform your Honorable House that he is now advanced in years has a wife one Son & Seven girls alive the greater part of whom still depend upon his feeble exertions for their support.

He therefore throws himself on the Generosity of your Honorable body, hoping that you will be kind enough to take his distressed situation into consideration & Grant him such other relief, in lieu of this land, as to you will appear that he merits. And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray

S/ Spencer Kilpatrick, X his mark

Witness

S/ Abraham Perry

[p 7: Cover sheet for the Report of the Claims Committee. On it appears the date Dec. 4, 1816.]

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The committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Spencer Kilpatrick Report.

That they have duly inquired into the facts stated in said Petition – that from the information derived through the Hon. Judge Grimke who was an officer in the Service during the Revolutionary War – your Committee are of Opinion the claim of the Petition is well founded – they have also ascertained through the proper Office that no grant for Land was ever taken out by the said Spencer Kilpatrick – your Committee therefore recommend that in lieu of (Two) hundred acres of Land granted to the Private Soldiers, as bounty – then estimated to be worth one Dollar per Acre – to be allowed the Sum of Two hundred Dollars ~~allowing for the increased Value of Lands since that period.~~

S/ John S. Cogdell
Chairman Pro Tem