

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Kirkpatrick S38897

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South Carolina

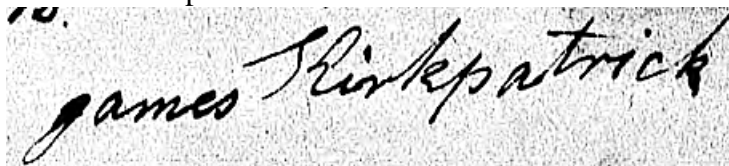
James Kirkpatrick of Chester District in the State of South Carolina aforesaid personally came before me and upon being duly sworn declareth, that he enlisted as a common soldier in the 3rd South Carolina Regiment of the Army of the revolution Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson], Captain Felix Warley as well as he recollects in February 1779 for the term of sixteen months. That he remained in that Regiment, was in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779]¹ and the Siege of Savannah [September 23-October 9, 1779]² & was among the prisoners of war who fell into the hands of the enemy at the surrender of Charleston in May 1780 [May 12, 1780]³ and that he remained there for about nine months and made his escape after the expiration of his enlistment in consequence of which he never obtained any regular discharge. The Declarer further saith that he is informed & believes that the Regiment of Colonel Thomson although in its origin a State Regiment was put on the Continental establishment & were paid drafted & subsisted by the United States.

The Declarer further saith that he is a native of the United States and has always heretofore & still resides therein, and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn & subscribed 23rd December 1818

S/ David Johnson

S/ James Kirkpatrick

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Kirkpatrick". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

[David Johnson, one of the associate Judges of South Carolina declared that Hugh Knox,⁴ Robert Cowley,⁵ James Black,⁶ William Allen⁷ and James Kirkpatrick all gave their depositions on the

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

³ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

⁴ [Hugh Knox W10180](#)

⁵ [Robert Cowley S39336](#)

⁶ [James Black W20733](#)

⁷ [William Allen W10288](#)

same date seeking pensions for their services in the revolutionary war.]

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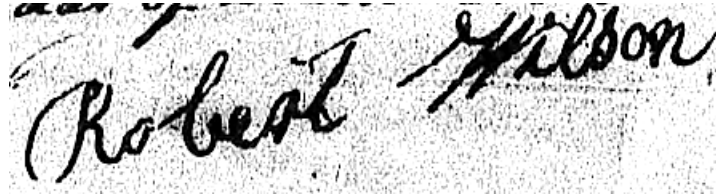
South Carolina York District:

Personally came Robert Wilson⁸ this day before made the Subscribing Justice of the peace and being duly sworn as the law directs saith that he knew James Kirkpatrick when he the said James Kirkpatrick was serving his country as an enlisted soldier in the revolutionary war against Great Britain in the year 1779 that the said James Kirkpatrick was enlisted for the term of sixteen months that he served as a private in the third Regiment United States troops commanded by Colonel William Thompson -- And this deponent further saith that he was personally acquainted with said James Kirkpatrick while in the aforesaid service from March in the aforesaid year 1779 until May 1780 when Charleston (in South Carolina) was taken by the arms of Great Britain when the said James Kirkpatrick was made a prisoner of war -- and further this deponent knoweth not.

Sworn to and subscribed the 21st day of December 1818 Before me

S/ Wm Jamieson, JP

S/ Robert Wilson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background. The first name "Robert" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, while "Wilson" is written in a slightly smaller, more compact hand to its right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 23, 1818, for service as a private for one year in the South Carolina Continental line.]

⁸ [Robert Wilson W2302](#)