

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kirk S39819

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Original Claim

Western District of Pennsylvania SS

On this 20th day of October 1821 personally appeared in open court [being a court of record for the district aforesaid] John Kirk of Allegheny County Pennsylvania aged sixty-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March, 1818, and the 1st May 1820, that he the said John Kirk enlisted for the term of one year on the beginning of December in the year 1775 in the State of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain John Stinson [probably John Stevenson] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] in the line of the State of Virginia on the __ Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the fall of November 1776 when he was discharged from the said service, in Winchester in the state of Virginia – (That he was afterwards a Lieutenant in the militia of the State of Pennsylvania in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dunlap and served at Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777].)]

That he was while in the Muhlenberg Regiment at Fort Moultrie [Charleston June 1776] during the action there and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said services, except John Gardner who was a fellow soldier of the deponent & Samuel Murphy

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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

I own the one half of a log house and one half of a lot in Middletown – one cow – one skillet – one old bucket, one pair of pot hooks, 3 knives & forks; blacksmith by trade but by the failure of his sight is unable to follow it; has one daughter aged thirty-five years & sickly and a granddaughter four years [old]

Sworn to, and declared, on the 20th day of October in open court
S/ R. J. Walker, Clerk

[Of January 22, 1822, the court valued the schedule of property at \$60.]

Allegheny County SS

Personally appeared before J. McCabe Esquire Justice for said County Samuel Murphy¹ who being duly sworn as the law directs deposed and saith that he was personally acquainted with the within named John Kirk in the revolution of 1776 that John Kirk and myself enlisted in the month of December in 1775 in Pittsburg under Captain John Stinson of the 8th Virginia Regiment we were both together both belonged to the same mess & he served during his enlistment which was for one year & was discharged at Winchester Virginia on the last of November or the first of December 1776 at which time we were both Discharged our time being out said Kirk behaved well & was always ready & willing to obey his officers & was at the engagement at Sullivan's Island commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg Lieutenant Colonel Bowman [Abraham Bowman], Major [paper damaged and named indecipherable] under General Lee [Charles Lee] – I do certify the above statement to be correct as to John Kirk's enlistment & that we were discharged & received our discharge in writing and I after being Discharged reenlisted again for 5 years and Kirk went home. I afterwards saw him in the militia he was an officer of what grade I don't recollect.

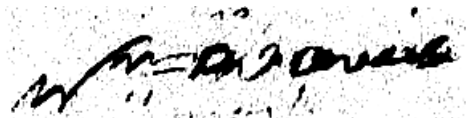
S/ Samuel Murphy



Allegheny County SS

Personally appeared before J. McCabe Esquire Justice of the peace for said County Wm Davis [William Davis] who being duly sworn as the law directs saith that he saw John Kirk enlisted in Pittsburg & that I enlisted the same day which was in the month of December 1775 and Kirk enlisted for one-year under Captain John Stinson of the 8th Virginia Regiment we were both in the same company & he Kirk served during his enlistment for one year & was discharged at Winchester Virginia on the first of December 1776 at which time we were both discharged and got our discharge in writing & high & Kirk went home together. During our services Kirk was well-liked & the officers wanted him to enlist again but [several words too faint to discern] the Regiment at Sullivan's Island commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg, Lieutenant Colonel Bowman, Major H. henson [probably, Peter Helphenstone] under General Lee – I do certify that Kirk was well liked by his officers & served out his time for which he enlisted.

S/ Wm Davis



[Acknowledged November 20, 1823 by James McCabe, JP in Allegheny County]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 20, 1823, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ [Samuel Murphy S22413](#)