

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Killpatrick [Kilpatrick] S7112

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State of South Carolina, District of Fairfield

On this eighteenth day of March in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, personally appeared in open Court, before John R. Buchanan Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Fairfield District aforesaid, now sitting Robert Killpatrick, a resident of Fairfield District aforesaid in the State aforesaid, aged ninety five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

Deponent was born in the County of Antrim and Kingdom of Ireland, but does not recollect the year in which he was born. He has no record of his age. His age was recorded in Killeyluckey Meeting House, where Deponent was christened, and was also recorded in a Bible of Deponent, which he brought to this Country, which Bible was used by Deponents children at school and was destroyed by time and use. Deponent from all the recollections he has, and from a comparison of ages with those persons he knows, whose ages are near that of his own, is now fully ninety five years of age, and may be some year or two more. Deponent was living on Rocky Creek in Chester District So. Co. when he was called into service, and was drafted whenever he was in service on regular tours of duty

Deponent never received a discharge in writing from any Officer, whenever the relief came, the Captain gave verbal orders that the Company was then discharged.

1st Tour. Deponent entered the service of the United States, under Captain John Nixon. Deponent then living in Chester District, was drafted. Captain John Nixon [sic, John Nixon] commanded the Company. Alexander Adams first Lieutenant, Capt. Alexander Turner and company were along. Several other companies of militia followed and served well ahead. Colonel John Winn was the Colonel who commanded the Regiment to which Deponent and company was attached. The Company met at Leesd's [?] place in Chester District. Marched through Fairfield District and on to Charleston So. Ca. A great number of Troops were collected in Charleston from different parts of South Carolina and some from North Carolina. They were intended to protect Charleston. There were no British Troops in Charleston at this time. There were some U.S. regulars in Charleston. Deponent does not now recollect the names of the General Officers commanding the Militia or Regulars, nor does he now recollect the year of this Service. It was about the commencement of the Revolutionary War in South Carolina. Deponent served as a Private Soldier this tour two and half months, was in no battles and whilst in Charleston was lodged in houses which were used as barracks by the Army.

2nd Tour. The Deponent remained at home after his first tour about two months and was again drafted on a second tour. Capt. John Nixon commanded the Company this tour also, and Alex. Adams(?) was the first Lieutenant and Col. Edward Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey] commanded the Regiment. There were a number of other troops called up. This tour was also to Charleston to

defend the city. Believes there were some U.S. regulars in Charleston at this time as well as the first, but does not recollect the names of the Commanding Officers. Remained in Charleston during this tour and was lodged in houses employed as barracks. Had no battles. Deponent served as a private soldier this tour two and half months.

3rd Tour. The Deponent was again drafted after remaining at home after his second tour about two months. Defendant was under Captain Alexander Turner this tour. Alexander Bowie was his first Lieutenant. Edward Lacey was his Colonel, believes Joseph Brown was the Major. This tour was also to Charleston. There were a great number of troops, Militia and Regulars in Charleston during this time. General Lee [Charles Lee] of the Regular Troops Commanded the whole Army. The Troops were principally in Charleston, Gen. Moultrie [William Moultrie] commanded the fort on Sullivan's Island and was attacked by Sir Peter Parker and his fleet. Deponent was in Charleston during the battle and was on duty in guarding the Town. Deponent served in this tour and as a private soldier two and half months.

4th Tour. Deponent served his next tour in the Florida Expedition. Was drafted and served under Alexander Adams first Lieutenant in Captain Nixon's Company. Capt. Nixon did not serve this tour. Col John Winn of Fairfield District commanded the Regiment. The troops were marched on to St. Mary's River. Genl. Williamson [Andrew Williamson] commanded the Militia. A body of Regulars were encamped on the St. Mary's near the Militia. Does not recollect the names of the Regular Officers. The army was encamped beyond the St. Mary's. The expedition was intended to protect the frontier settlements against the British from St. Augustine. After encamping at the St. Mary's for some considerable time and after a Council of War of Ten Days, the Army was discharged. The Deponent served in this tour as Sergeant for six months having left home on the first of March and returned home on the last of August.

5th Tour. The fifth tour Deponent returned to Charleston. This tour was finished only a few months before Charleston was taken by the enemy in the year 1780 [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. Capt. Alexander Turner commanded the Company. Alexander Bowie first Lieutenant. Col. John Winn Commanded the Regiment. Col. Edward Lacey was also out Commanding a regiment. Some regulars were in Charleston. Does not recollect the names of higher officers, an attack of the Tories was expected. Deponent served as a sergeant this tour two and half months.

6th Tour. Deponent served his sixth tour to Orangeburg, So. Co. Capt. Alexander Turner commanded the Company, Alexander Bowie 1st Lieut. John Winn, Colonel. About three hundred men encamped at Orangeburg. They were designed to protect the upper Country from the British at Charleston; Deponent served one month this tour as a sergeant. Colonel Lacey was there, does not recollect and other Col. excepting Hill [William Hill] from York.

7 [Tour]. Deponent served another tour to Orangeburg nine months, four months of which he served as a sergeant and five months as a private soldier. In this tour he served always under Captain Alexander Turner, and generally under John Winn as Colonel some two or three months he served under Col. Edward Lacey. There were no regulars at Orangeburg and Col. John Winn was the Regt Colonel and generally had the command. This tour of duty to Orangeburg was all after the fall of Charleston in 1780, but Deponent does not now recollect the exact dates of any tour, but has a good recollection of the length of time he served.

8 [Tour]. Deponent served another tour of duty to Edisto, So. Ca. under Lieut. Bowie one month as a private soldier after the fall of Charleston and in number of skirmishes with the Tories. In this tour to Edisto, part of three companies were out. In one of these tours of duty to Orangeburg, Deponent was in an engagement with five hundred Tories. The Tories were defeated and fled to the Edisto Swamp.

On another occasion owing the night the Tories attempted to set fire to Orangeburg but were once again repulsed and ran to the swamps.

Deponent from his great age and great life of memory, and from having taken no notes or maintained any at the time does not at this late period recollect the years nor dates of the different tours of duty he performed, nor does he recollect distinctly the different tours he performed to Orangeburg but he does recollect that he served the time he has stated, that he served in a regularly organized corps, called out by competent authority and that during the time he was in service he was engaged in no civil pursuit whatever but was wholly engaged in his military duty, and he claims a pension from the United States for thirteen and half months service as sergeant and ten and half months as a private making twenty four months service; having served in all as above stated thirteen & half months as sergeant and thirteen and half months as private.

Deponent refers to John Brown¹ of Chester District, Revd. Wm. Joiner of Fairfield District, James Graham² of Chester District who can testify as to Deponents actual service and to Samuel Banks Esquire and Andrew McCluskin and Robert G. Cameron, John L. Yinque [?] and John Simonton and William Bilger & John Cook all of Fairfield who can testify as to Deponent's character for veracity and as to their belief of Deponent's services as a soldier of the Revolution.

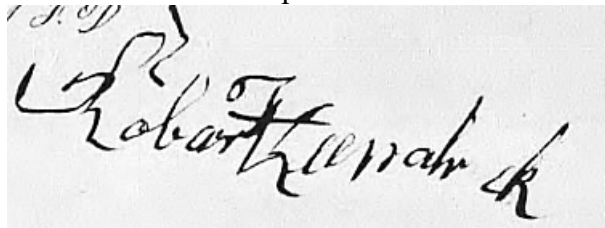
Deponent has lived since the Revolutionary War principally in Fairfield District, part of the time in Chester District So. Ca. and at this time resides on [the] waters of Duncan's Creek, Fairfield District So. Ca. about twelve miles from Winnsborough.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a permanent annuity except the present and declares that his name is not in the journal roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John R. Buchanan
Ordinary of F.D.

S/ Robart Killpatrick

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Killpatrick". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[William Joiner, a clergyman of the Baptist denomination gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Fairfield District

I John Brown of Chester District South Carolina hereby Certify that I have been well acquainted with Robert Killpatrick who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration that I believe him to be 95 years of age; that I am dear 80 years of age and served with said Killpatrick in two of the tours of duty mentioned in his Declaration to Charleston before the fall of Charleston. That he gave a true statement as to those two tours. And I believe and I have no doubts that he gave a true statement throughout. That he is a man of truth and has always borne that character; That he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that I know the believe to be true.

S/ John Brown, X his mark

¹ [John Brown S17848](#)

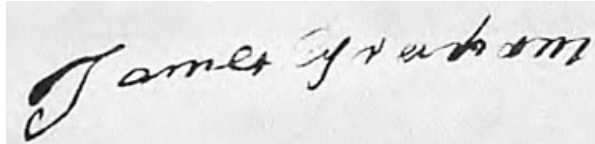
² [James Graham S21786](#)

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South Carolina Fairfield district

I James Graham residing in Chester district South Carolina, hereby Certify that I have been well acquainted with Robert Killpatrick, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that I believe him to be 95 years of age or more; That I am 73 years of age and have known him Killpatrick since before the Revolutionary War. That I served with him in one of the tours mentioned to wit the last, and knew and heard of his being frequently out in service, and believe and has no doubt of the correctness of every statement he has made, that he is a man of truth and so reputed and esteemed an of excellent character, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and I know the belief to be true.

S/ James Graham

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

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$102.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 ½ months and as a Sergeant for 13 ½ months in the South Carolina militia.]