

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Kirkwood (Kirckwood) W29916 ½ Margaret Kirkwood f22MD  
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State of Ohio, County of Champaign: SS

On this tenth day of October, personally appeared in open court before George B. Holt president and James Smith, William Runkle and Ohid Hoss his associates Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Champaign aforesaid, now sitting David Kirckood [sic] a resident of Harrison Township in the County of Champaign aforesaid and State of Ohio aged ninety two years on last Christmas day (Old Style) 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under [the] following named officers, and served as herein stated – He entered the service in the summer of the year 1776 about harvest time but he cannot tell the month or day, under Captain Patrick Jack. He entered the service at Hagerstown in the State of Maryland. He marched first to the city of Philadelphia – stayed there two weeks in the Barracks. He then marched to South Amboy in the State of New Jersey. There was a skirmish there with the British. General Washington was there. James & John were the names of his Lieutenants, but their surnames he cannot recollect. He was the same season in an engagement at a place called Stoney Point, and at Long Island in the State of New York. He was constantly in active service in New York, New Jersey and the lower part of Pennsylvania until he went to North Carolina. He was at the battle of Trenton [December 26, 1776] and at Princeton [January 3, 1777]. He was at the taking of the Hessians (900 in number) at Trenton New Jersey. He knew Generals Lee [presumably Charles Lee] and Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] during this service. He was at Brunswick New Jersey for considerable time. He was at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] on the Delaware. From his extreme age and bodily disability he cannot recollect all the battles he was in nor all the country he marched through nor all the officers he was under or with, nor the places he encamped at or wintered at.

When he first entered the service he volunteered for three months – at the end of this term he continued in the service without any specific engagement until he left. He was sent to the South, he thinks he marched with General Greene but he cannot say [for] certain that he accompanied Greene but he was under General Greene's command in Carolina. He cannot say with certainty what time it was that he marched to the South but he thinks it was in the year 1780. He was at the Battle of Haw River<sup>1</sup> and at Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781]<sup>2</sup> and at

<sup>1</sup> This MAY be a reference to the engagement on February 25, 1781.

[http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_haw\\_river.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_haw_river.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780]<sup>3</sup> and at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780].<sup>4</sup> He marched back from the South with the Army in 1781. He was not at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] for he was in the camp sick at that time. Captain Jack was his Captain during the whole of his service. He continued all the time in the service from the time he first entered, and served faithfully until he was regularly discharged at the camp near Trenton New Jersey. He received a written discharge from General Washington, which he received soon after Cornwallis's surrender in 1781.

He resided at Pittsburgh PA when he entered the service, and went to Hagerstown aforesaid to get salt where he volunteered aforesaid. He knows of no person by whom he can prove his services – and he has no documentary evidence. He was taken very sick soon after taking his discharge as aforesaid and during that sickness he lost his discharge and has never found it since. After the war he went back to Pittsburgh and resided at a place called Big Shister [?] about 20 miles from Pittsburgh – after this he went to Kentucky stayed there about one year, then removed to Wythe County Virginia thence he moved to the County of Champaign Ohio about 25 years ago where he has resided ever since.

He was born in the Parish of Dumbeau [Drumbo Parish, County Down, Northern Ireland?] in Ireland. He cannot recollect in what year, but he came to the United States in the year 1772 and he thinks he was 36 years old when he came. He has no record of his age. He is acquainted with the following persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their relief of his services as a soldier of the revolution – William H. Tyffe, David Nance, John Reynolds and John C. Pearson.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court October 10, 1832

S/ David Kirkwood, X his mark

S/ John C. Pearson, Clk

[Jeremiah Fuson, a clergyman, Alexander Black and John McAdams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Ohio Champaign County: SS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Champaign aforesaid, David Kirckwood [sic] a resident of said County, and the same person who made his declaration in the court of Common Pleas of said County on the tenth day of October for a pension, which declaration has been returned from the War department to be amended and who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: for three years and nine months I served as a private soldier and for such service I claim a pension.

He also deposeth and saith that by reason of his age, being upwards of ninety-three years, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot now recollect the name of any one single Colonel under whom he served or who commanded the Regiment to which Captain Jack's company belonged and further saith not.

S/ David Kirckwood, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1833

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ramseurs\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

S/ William Patrick, JP

[p 10: On August 18, 1851 in Claremont County of Ohio Margaret Kirkwood a resident of Tate Township in said County and State, aged 85, made application for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of David Kirkwood, deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum me: that she married David Kirkwood on May 18, 1795; that they were married by John Payne, JP in Campbell County Kentucky; that her husband died June 25, 1847; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 7: Certificate given by John Payne, JP that he solemnized the marriage of David Kirkwood and Margaret Leech on May 18 1795.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Maryland militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]