

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Kilgore Charles

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(Avarilla)

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[p42] Indiana certificate 1216
Avarilla Kilgore, widow of
Charles Kilgore, private
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Hon GG Dunn H of R

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State of Indiana
County of Daviess S.S.

On the 16th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Probate Court of said county now sitting, Charles Kilgore, a resident of Walden Township in said county and state aged seventy one or seventy 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the year 1778 (the day and month not recollected) he volunteered in the service of the United States (being then a resident of Washington County Virginia). The name of the Captain of the company he joined was Joseph Martin. With said company he marched directly about fifty miles to the Long Island of Holston on an expedition to guard the Cherokee Indians at a treaty held at that place. At this place he encamped in said company about six weeks. There the company made a kind of temporary fortification. At the end of that time the company was discharged. On this tour of duty he served six weeks.

In the following year, 1779, in the summer, he again volunteered in the United States service for two months under Capt. John Snoddy, Lieut Cowan, for the purpose of guarding Cowan's fort on Clinch [Clinch] river in said County of Washington (Va). He remained in said fort for three months with said company guarding the same and was then discharged and returned home.

In the autumn of 1780, a company of volunteers was raised in said county of Washington (Va) under aforesaid Capt Snoddy to guard a party of road cutters to Crab Orchard (Ky). In this company declarant volunteered. They joined the road cutters near Abingdon whence they were guarded past the Rockhouse station in Powells Valley to Crab Orchard. He remained in said company at Crab Orchard two or three weeks and then returned in the same ____ to Washington County (Va). On their return, they encamped at the foot of Cumberland Mountain where the Indians during the night stole all the horses belonging to the company. The only aggressors here were the Shawnees. In this tour declarant served three months for which he received a warrant for 300 acres of land which he afterwards sold for a trifle.

In the Spring of 1781, a company of volunteers was raised in said county

[p49] of Washington (Va) under Capt. Cowan for the purpose of guarding the Rockhouse Station in Powells Valley. In the company declarant also volunteered. The company proceeded directly to said station where they remained about two months and were then discharged. He served in this tour two months at least, and then being discharged, returned to his residence aforesaid.

In 1782 our Capt. Martin having been at certain treaties with the Cherokees and having thereby learned where their towns were situated and the Cherokees shortly afterwards, having become hostile, he the said Capt. Martin wrote to the aforesaid Capt. Cowan to raise a company of men and met him at the aforesaid Rockhouse Station to make an expedition to destroy said towns. Accordingly in March 1782 Capt. Cowan raised eleven volunteers in said County of Washington of which this declarant was one and proceeded directly with them to the said station where they joined Capt. Martin and his company. The two companies set out immediately on the proposed expedition passing along the south side of Cumberland Mountain nearly to the Tennessee, through an entire wilderness. They found many Indian camps but no towns. One day, passing through the wilderness, we came suddenly on an encampment of seven Indians. Our companies nearly surrounded the savages before we were discovered when they took the alarm and fled unhurt to a contiguous canebreak. We however took their guns and tomahawks which in their panic they had left in their wigwam. After this affair, the two companies separated and declarant in Capt. Cowan's company returned to the Rockhouse station, almost starved and thence immediately ____ and was discharged. In this tour he served six weeks.

During the services aforesaid declarant was very young. The tours of duty were short and the companies to which he was attached were barely organized, some having no lieutenants nor ensigns and being raised merely to repel the aggressions of the Indians urged on by their allies the British. He cannot therefore at this distance of time recollect every particular with certainty. He cannot recollect that he ever received a written nor the day of his entering or leaving the service nor even the month and year but with difficulty and doubt. He knows however that he did serve as a private volunteer in the service of the United States in the whole for about nine months.

He has no record of his age, but has been informed and believes that [p50] that he was born in Orange County, North Carolina in 1763 or 1764. A short time before the Revolutionary war, he removed to Washington County Virginia where he resided during the war (except when abroad on tours of duty) and till about 1787. He then removed to Green County Tennessee where he remained six or seven years. Thence he removed to Pendleton County (S.C.) where he resided a few years, thence to Washington County (Va) where he lived 7 or 8 years, thence to Lawrence County Indiana where he staid till 1831 thence to his present place of residence. Except the officers aforesaid he does not recollect to have seen any others of the revolution except Cols. William Campbell and Quirk. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services as a soldier of the revolution, but Gotlobe Byre and E. M. McJunkin & G A Walker who reside in his present neighborhood and can testify as to his character for veracity and his reputation as a soldier of the revolution.

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.

Charles Kilgore x his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the say and year aforesaid.

[supporting statements and certification

E. M. McJunkin, neighbor

George A Walker, neighbor
Gotlobe Byre, neighbor
James McDonald, judge
Abner Davis, clergy
John Van Trees clerk

[p53] 22Feb1854, Martin County IN testimony of Hiram Kilgore in support of the application of Avarilla Kilgore, widow of Charles Kilgore.

Charles and Avarilla were husband and wife.

Charles Kilgore died in 1844 in Daviess County IN.

Lewis R Rogers, clerk

[p56-59] 12Sep1856 Daviess County IN testimony of Avarilla Kilgore, age ninety three or four years, application for bounty land per the act of 03Mar1855.

Francis Williams, JP

John Van Trees, clerk

E. Van Trees, deputy clerk

[p84] Indiana certificate 22235

Charles Kilgore of Daviess County

Private under Capt Martin, Col Campbell

10 months 24 days

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[p86-87 supporting statement of George G Dunn, House of Representatives]