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Pension Application of William Kerby W7998

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Virginia At a Court of Quarterly Session held for Albemarle County the third day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighteen,

William Kerby aged fifty nine years a resident of the County personally appeared in Court and being first duly sworn according to law, on oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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": That he the said William Kerby enlisted in the year 1779 [sic] and that he served during eighteen months that he enlisted in Hanover County Virginia under Thomas Richardson and was transferred to the Company commanded by Captain Stribling attached to Blueford's old regiment [Col. Abraham Buford, 11th Virginia Regiment of Foot] & that he was discharged at Sallsberry [sic: Salisbury] in North Carolina in 1781. That he was in a battle at Gillford Courthouse [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] in the battle of Campden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] at the Siege of Ninety Six fort [Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]; and at the battle of the Eutaw springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781]; that he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service;

Virginia Albemarle County ss.

On this 1st day of January 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for said County William Kirby aged sixty one years the 19th day of November last, resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted in the County of Hanover State of Virginia in the year 1779 and that he served dureing eighteen months untill the year 1781 when he was discharged from service at Sallsberry in North Carolina that he enlisted under Thomas Richardson and was transferred to the Company of Capt. Stribling attached to Blufords Regiment that he was in the battle of Guilford Courthouse in the battle of Camden at the seige of 96 fort, and at the battle of Eutaw springs and that he made a declaration in August 1818 and that he has obtained a pension Certificate Numbered 7091 and 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 Viz: one heifer on loom one spinning wheel six chairs one chest one table one pot and oven one ten pan one earthen bowl four pewter plates two dishes five knives and eight forks 3 tubs one pair flat Irons sett cups and saucers [signed] Wm Kerby
And the said William Kerby further declareth that his occupation is that of a Plasterer and that he is unable to persue it, and that he has a wife aged fifty two years, and three children aged as follows Nancy 12 years old, Martin 10 years old and Minor 5 years old.

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Wm Kirby/ age 21/ height 5 7½/ planter/ born and resided in Hanover County/ hair light brown/ eyes blue/ complexion fair/ enlisted at Hanover on 7 Sep 1780 for 18 months. Another size roll of noncommissioned

officers and privates also compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: William Kirby, age 21, height 5' 3¼", brown hair, blue eyes, dark complexion, farmer, residing in Albemarle County, born in Hanover County, enlisted as a substitute in 1780 for 18 months, sized on 8 Mar 1781.

On 1 Apr 1851 Elizabeth Kerby, 85, applied for a pension stating that she married William Kerby "shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war the day and date not recollected," and he died 17 Aug 1848. Susanna Jones, "the only surviving member of her father's family," deposed that when she was quite young her brother, William Kerby, married Elizabeth McDaniel. William T. Smith, a son-in-law, also certified the marriage. On 27 Apr 1855 Elizabeth Kerby was about 90 and living in Nelson County VA when she applied for bounty land.