

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Kercheval (Kerchival)<sup>1</sup> W9490 Elizabeth Kercheval f35VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 11/18/13

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State of Kentucky Scott County: SS

On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1843 personally appeared before me the undersigned John Dougherty an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and state aforesaid Mrs. Elizabeth Kircheval [sic] a resident of said County of Scott and who is by reason of Bodily Infirmity prevented from [appearing] in Open Court, aged upwards of seventy-four years and who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" that she is the widow of John Kircheval who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war and belonged to the Regular Line of Virginia on Continental establishment & she thinks his actual service as said Soldier in the said Regular Continental Line of Virginia was of five years duration. She further declares that she cannot state all the Battles he was engaged in but that he was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] in the North in the year 1777 and was also in the Service in the South & in South Carolina and was in the Battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & Guilford [March 15, 1781] as she has heard her said [husband] state, and she thinks General Greene [Nathanael Greene] was his General in the South. She further declares that she cannot state the precise time that her aforesaid husband entered the service but presumes that he entered in 1777 & served out three years and thereafter volunteered to serve for the war. She further declares that her said husband resided in Essex County Virginia when he entered the service. She also declares that she was married to the aforesaid John Kircheval on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1790, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 (viz.) at the time above stated as will more fully appear by a leaf from her Bible here with file, & which is the only documentary evidence she has in support of her claim & that she was married in Fayette County Kentucky & that her said husband died on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1823.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid  
S/ John Dougherty S/ Elizabeth Kerchaval, X her mark

State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.  
Woodford County Court May Term 1843

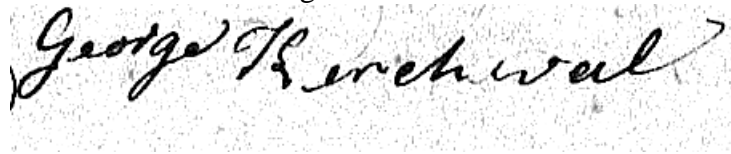
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<sup>1</sup> BLWt38507-160-55

At a County Court duly organized begun and holden in the Town of Versailles [Versailles] in and for the County of Woodford State of Kentucky on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1843 personally appeared before the said court Mr. George Kircheval [sic] a resident of said County of Woodford, and who after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain for Mrs. Elizabeth Kircheval a Pension by virtue of the Act of Congress passed 7 July 1838, To wit. That he is the son of said Elizabeth Kircheval, and that she is the widow of John Kircheval who as declarant verily believes was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War and belonged to the Virginia Regular Continental line and served therein five years, and in one tour of service in said Regular Line he served three years, and thereafter volunteered to serve during the war, and the whole of his actual service was of five years duration the latter part of which being rendered at the close of the war. Declarant states that he has heard his aforesaid Father John Kircheval during his lifetime particularly and often state the aforesaid facts. He further declares that he was born on the 25 day of November 1793 in the County of Fayette State of Kentucky, and is now a resident of Woodford County, and that his said mother resides in Scott County but not further than a hundred yards from the Woodford County line & that she has never married since the death of her said husband, which took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1823. He further declares that the Fayette County Court clerk's office was since his remembrance burned up & he thinks all the records.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before the said court

S/ George Kercheval

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Kercheval". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1784, in the name of John Kercheval, as a Soldier of Infantry for £19.12.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to John Dunn and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1843.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[p 7: On August 24, 1855 in Woodford County Kentucky, Elizabeth Kirchival [sic] aged about 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Kirchival who was a resident of Virginia when he rendered his service in the revolution; that shortly after the termination of the war the veteran and his family immigrated to Kentucky where he resided until his death; that she married him in the year 1790; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Lackland; that she has remained a widow since the death of her husband. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 11: family record:

"John Kercheval and Elizabeth Lockland [could be Lackland] was married July 8<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1790

John Kercheval son of John and Elizabeth his wife was born February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1792

Joseph and John Kercheval sons of John & Elizabeth his wife was born November 25<sup>th</sup> 1793

William Kercheval, son of John and Elizabeth his wife was born May 9<sup>th</sup> 1797

Charles Kercheval Son of John and Elizabeth his wife was born January the 10<sup>th</sup> 1800

Elizabeth Kercheval Daughter of John Kercheval & Elizabeth his wife was born July the 18<sup>th</sup> 1802

Mary Kercheval daughter of John and Elizabeth his wife was born may the 19<sup>th</sup> 1805"

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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]