

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of David Kirkwood (Kirckwood) W29916

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State of Ohio, County of Champaign

On this 10<sup>th</sup> 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 and at Princeton. He was at the taking of the Hessians (900 in number) at Trenton New Jersey. He knew Generals 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 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 and at Guilford Court house and at Ramsour's Mill and at King's Mountain. He marched back from the South with the Army in 1781. He was not at the taking of Lord Cornwallis 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 [?] 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 Hirkwood, X his mark

S/ John C. Pearson, Clk