

CHARLES KILGORE and HIRAM KILGORE  
[BROTHERS]

(1-172)  
SERVICE NUMBER  
Va. Kilgore, Charles 2699  
CONTEXTS Carded.

APPLICATION FOR A NEW CERTIFICATE.

State of Tennessee

County of S Greene ss.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1820; before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said county of Greene personally appeared Charles Kilgore who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Jaynes Dyson in the regiment commanded by Colonel William Campbell in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of Tennessee that he received a certificate of that fact, ~~under the signature and seal~~ from of the Secretary of War; ~~which certifies, on or about the~~ day of 182, at or

one and he now wishes to obtain

Sworn and subscribed to, before me, the day and year aforesaid.

his  
Charles Kilgore  
mark

Joseph Brown  
Justice of the Peace  
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NOTES. The last four blanks are left for the applicant to set forth the time, place, and manner of the loss or destruction of the original certificate. The oath to be taken before a duly qualified magistrate, whose official character and signature must be properly authenticated.

Kilgore Charles

VA  
(Avarilla)

W7994  
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Transcription by Fred Weyler

[Fold3 embedded W7994 in the 115 page file with S699]

[p42] Indiana certificate 1216  
Avarilla Kilgore, widow of  
Charles Kilgore, private  
Issued 12Aug1856 @ \$36/annum  
Hon GG Dunn H of R

[p48]  
State of Indiana  
County of Daviess S.S.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> 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

Issued 18Oct1833 @ \$36/annum

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

### **MEMORIAL FROM FIND-A-GRAVE**

Five brothers who were great, great grandsons of Lord Douglas Kilgore came to America in 1763 from Scotland. Charles Kilgore, a gallant and brave soldier in the American Revolution was wounded at the Battle of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, where the Americans defeated the British General Ferguson. His brother, Hiram Kilgore, was killed in this fierce battle. The other three brothers were Robert, William and James.

# Kilgore Family History

The first Kilgore descendant that we can document is Charles Kilgore, born January 4, 1764 in Orange (west of Durham), North Carolina. Charles fought in the American Revolutionary War at the battle of King's Mountain (30 miles west of Charlotte). He was a private in Captain Cowan's Virginia Troops which is noted on his foot stone at the Kilgore Cemetery in Raglesville, Indiana. Ellen Sommers Poindexter and other descendants joined the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) through his service

Charles married Avarilla Simpson about 1790 in Greene, North Carolina. Avarilla was the daughter of R. & S. Simpson. Charles and his wife had eight children, the oldest of which was Hiram Kilgore.

Charles died November 28, 1844, and Avarilla Simpson Kilgore died June 1, 1857. They are buried in the Kilgore Cemetery in Raglesville, Daviess County, Indiana.

Hiram married Nancy Grant on October 6, 1806, in Wayne, Kentucky. Their daughter, Pharzina Kilgore, born in 1809, married Moses Woodruff.

In 1830 Hiram and his family lived in Daviess County, Indiana, but by 1860 Hiram and Nancy reside in Otter Creek Township, Lucas County, Iowa. He is a farmer whose real estate is worth \$423 and whose personal property is worth \$220. In the census for 1860 it states that Hiram was born in Georgia and Nancy in South Carolina.

**Description:** Kilgore Family History - Heritage Albums, by Lynn Weisberg, 2008

And--when the leaves in Summer time their verdure dare not show,  
Then--I will change the col-or-I wear in my cau-been,  
But, till that day, I'll stick for aye to wearing of the green."

The names of the children of Charles Kilgore, Jr. and Avarilla Simpson, all married and reared large families are as follows, including some of the descendants now scattered over many states. To the marriage of Charles Kilgore, Jr. and Avarilla Simpson, about 1790, were born six children: Hiram, Winnie, Simpson, Stephen, Reuben, and Charles.

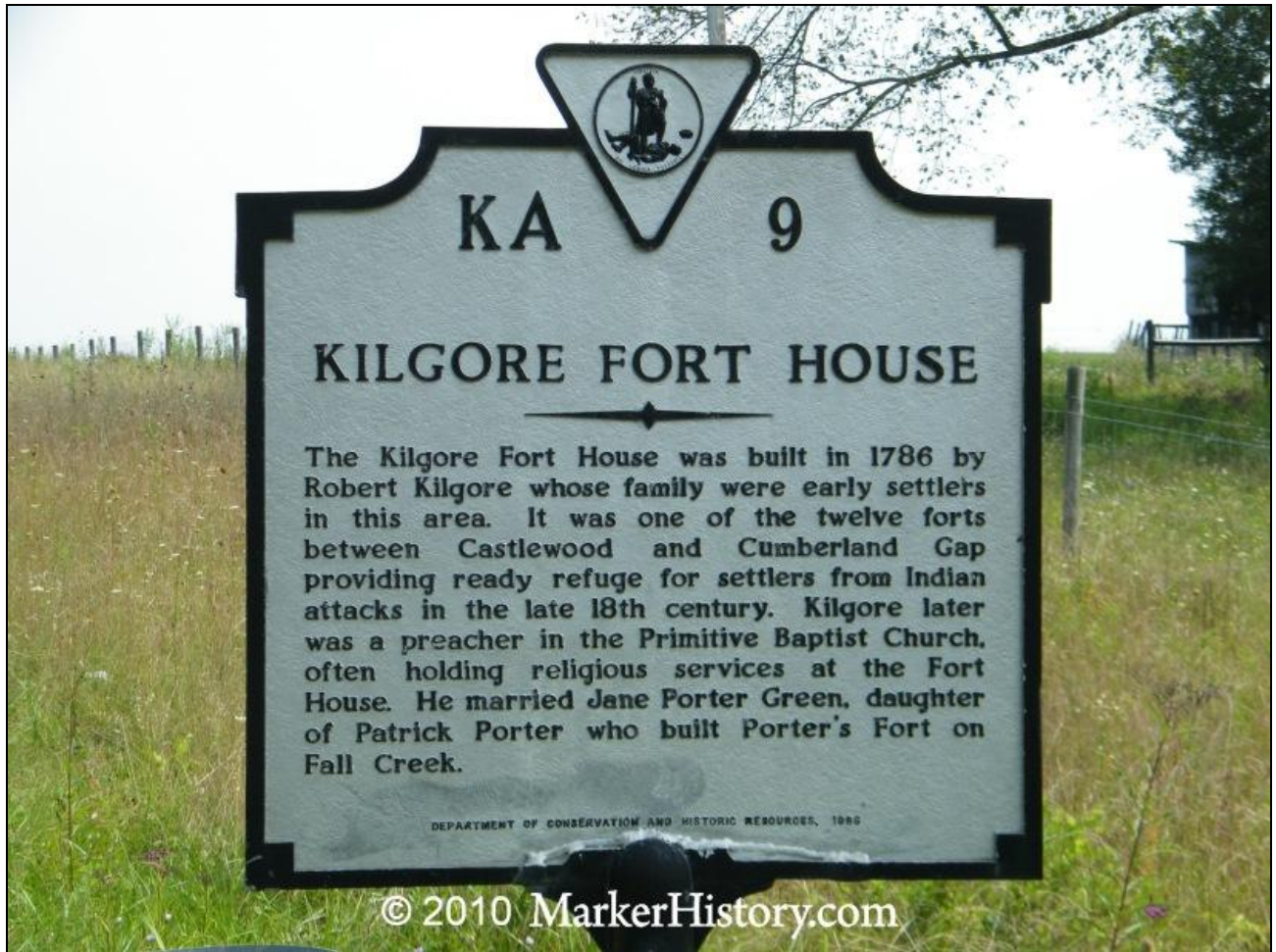
1. Hiram Kilgore b. 1790, m. Nancy Grant. Eleven children.

- (a) KATTURA KILGORE, born May 15, 1811, died January 1, 1896, m. Alfred Sims. Olive Sims m. Alfred Maryfield; Sterlin Sims m. Suckey Holt; Noah Sims m. Barbara Banks; Zach Sims m. Sarah Cox; Hiram Sims m. Anna Swayze; Abbie Sims m. Joseph Hastings; Melissa Sims m. James Holt; Sallie Sims m. Aaron Williams; Bettie Sims m. Thomas Marshall. Alford, Malinda, Nancy, Mary, and Starling Sims.
- (b) MATILDA KILGORE, born February 11, 1818, married Gottlieb Byrer. Dema Byrer m. Joseph Noble, Ind.; Retta Byrer m. James Kellar, Missouri; Henry Byrer m. Jane Herndon; Noah Byrer m. Mary Bruner; William Byrer m. Miss Burgett; Hiram Byrer d. young man; Emily Byrer m. Mark Harper; Phoebe Byrer m. Walt Mallett; Ava Byrer m. 1st Anthony Hinkle, 2nd Joseph Edwards.
- (c) FRAZINA KILGORE married Moses Woodruff. Children: John Woodruff, 1826-1904, m. Anna Holt; Hiram A. Woodruff, b. 1830, m. Jane Overton; Aaron Woodruff, 1833-1881, m. Nancy A. Dillion; William Woodruff d. age 20 unmarried; Phoebe Woodruff m. Andrew Holt; Nancy Woodruff d. about 1910, m. David Keck; Candace Woodruff m. Richard Dye; Charity Woodruff m. Christopher Keck; Casandra Woodruff m. Frank Swayze; Cynthia Woodruff m. Jefferson Maryfield; Sallie Ann Woodruff m. Marion Mathews; Elizabeth Woodruff m. Isaac Bowman. Three others, names lacking.
- (d) POLLY KILGORE, born June 2, 1813, died March 21, 1843, m. Samuel Owen.

- (e)
  - (f) CHARLES KILGORE, m. Nancy Lee (nousins).
  - (g) MALINDA KILGORE, m. Baker.
  - (h) SARAH KILGORE, m. Baker.
  - (i) ROLAND KILGORE, b. May 10, 1823, d. Sept. 19, 1844.
  - (j) PERRY KILGORE, b. June 9, 1815, d. July 7, 1838.
- One other, name unknown to me.

2. Winnie Kilgore, b. about 1794, d. before 1828, m. about 1811 Joseph Lee. Eight children: Harvey, Evan, Elizabeth, Lorenza, Richard, Louisa, Clement, and Charles.

- (a) HARVEY LEE, born 1812, died October 30, 1892, m. about 1833, Elizabeth Wilson, b. April 21, 1812, d. April 21, 1882. Ten children: John, America, Nancy, Winnie, Joe, Jerry, Rena, Andy, Thomas, and Evan.
- JOHN LEE, born April 11, 1834, died November 12, 1905, m. April 1, 1866 Nellie Welch, b. October 5, 1842, d. February 10, 1918. Four children: (1) Lizzie, b. November 24, 1868, d. February 15, 1904; m. April 1, 1866, B. F. Garrett, b. October 6, 1858, d. 1929; (2) Cora, d. 1920 unmarried; (3) Ida, b. June 5, 1873, m. June 3, 1905 Robert Floyd; (4) Anna b. January 10, 1876, m. first July 6, 1898 W. F. Banbury, second
- AMERICA LEE, born March 23, 1836, died April 21, 1894, m. March 23, 1856, John H. Childers b. April 9, 1834, d. March 15, 1905. Children: (1) Elizabeth Childers, b. March 13, 1857, d. March 25, 1905, m. February 28, 1880, A. C. Ashby, b. July 22, 1850, d. January 2, 1923. To Mr. and Mrs. Ashby were born three children: Robert C., b. October 10, 1882, m. 1911, Margurite Waldorf; Cloe, b. March 5, 1885, m. June 7, 1911, Ray S. Kuns, b. October 20, 1884, whose twins, Robert A. and Jean E. Kuns were b. December 3, 1914; Fern Lee, 1887-1916. (2) William Childers, b. 1859, m. Margaret. (3) Jennie Childers, b. 1863, m. Virgil Portch. Their issue, Paul, Irene, Harold. (4) Ella Childers, b. July 26, 1866, m. March 26, 1886, Lincoln Payne, b. August 28, 1864. Their children: Tony Payne, b. 1887, m. Ruby Mills; Margaret Payne, b. 1889, m. Nelson Clevitt; Earl Payne, b. 1892, m. Blanch Scott; Forest Payne b. 1897, m. Edyth Proffet. (5) Laura Childers, b. 1868, m. 1887, Tom Barrows. Issue: Archie and Chester. (6) Emily Childers,



**SCOTT COUNTY, VIRGINIA**  
**BUILT BY ROBERT KILGORE, BROTHER OF CHARLES KILGORE**



January 5, 1935

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Mr. James M. Watts  
1362 Company, Camp A-E  
Beltsville, Maryland

Charles Kilgore, S. 699  
Charles Kilgore, W. 7994

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BA-J/MLB

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your personal request of January 2, 1935, for the Revolutionary War records of Charles Kilgore, S. 699, and Charles Kilgore, W. 7994.

Their records follow.

Charles Kilgore  
S. 699

The data herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S. 699, based upon disability incurred during the service of Charles Kilgore.

Charles Kilgore served in Captain James Dysart's company in Colonel William Campbell's Virginia regiment during the Revolution.

He was pensioned from April 23, 1809, on account of disability incurred in the service, the nature of disability not stated.

In May, 1820, he was living in Greene County, Tennessee.

There are no further data relative to the soldier's service, and no data as to family, because of the destruction of papers when the War Office was burned in 1814.

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Charles Kilgore  
W. 7994

You are furnished below the record of Charles Kilgore as shown in pension claim, W. 7994, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Charles Kilgore was born in 1763 or 1764 in Orange County, North Carolina; the names of his parents are not given.

While residing in Washington County, Virginia, where he had moved shortly before the Revolution, he enlisted and served as private with the Virginia troops, as follows:- in 1778, six weeks in Captain Joseph Martin's company; from sometime in the summer of 1779, three months in Captain John Snoddy's company; from sometime in the autumn of 1780, three months in Captain Snoddy's company; from sometime in the spring of 1781, two months in Captain Cowan's company; he went on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians.

In 1787, he moved to Greene County, Tennessee; from there to Pendleton County, South Carolina; then to Washington County, Virginia; then to Wayne County, Kentucky; then to Lawrence County, Indiana; in 1831, he moved to Wallis Township, Daviess County, Indiana.

Charles Kilgore was allowed pension on his application executed May 14, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Wallis Township, Indiana.

He died November 20, 1844, in Wallis Township, Indiana.

This soldier married in Virginia, Averilla. Her maiden name and the date of their marriage are not given. She was allowed pension on her application executed May 30, 1858, at which time she was ninety years of age and a resident of Daviess County, Indiana.

Their son, Hiram, was sixty-four years of age in 1854. The name, Reuben Kilgore, born in 1795, appears in the claim but his relationship to the soldier is not given.

Reference was made in the claim to grandchildren, but no names were stated.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Executive Assistant to the Administrator





**KILGORE CEMETERY  
DAVISS COUNTY, INDIANA**