

**Thomas Kirkpatrick**  
**War of 1812**

W.O. 1280

Letter on file in Rev. War Pensions dated July 29, 1938. The pension applications for the War of 1812 are not available to the public that I know of. This is a response to a letter requesting information on the soldier.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers filed under Pension Claim No. 1280, based upon the military service of Thomas Kirkpatrick in the War of 1812.

The date and place of birth and names of the parents of Thomas Kirkpatrick are not shown.

Thomas Kirkpatrick enlisted at Niles, Cayuga County, New York and served from September 29, 1812 to October 31, 1812, as a private and sergeant in Captain John Highstead of Highstead's Company of New York Militia.

June 13, 1853, Thomas Kirkpatrick, then a resident of Niles, New York, applied for the bounty land which was due on account of his service in the War of 1812. He was granted forty acres of bounty land on Warrant No. 96740, under the Act of September 28, 1850. March 8, 1855, this soldier applied for the additional land which was due on account of his service in the War of 1812. He was granted one hundred twenty acres of bounty land on Warrant No. 124, under the Act of March 3, 1855. He was still resident in Niles, New York. He gave the same age, sixty-five years, on both applications for land. No explanation was made for this discrepancy.

Thomas Kirkpatrick married November 10, 1814, at Niles, New York, Sarah Birch, date and place of her birth and names of her parents not shown.

April 8, 1871, Sarah Kirkpatrick, then aged seventy-four years and a resident of Niles, New York, applied for the pension which might have been due on account of the service of her husband, Thomas Kirkpatrick, in the War of 1812. Her claim was not allowed as the period of service rendered by her husband was not of sufficient length to entitle her to pension under the pension law under which she applied.

There is no reference to any children of Thomas and Sarah Kirkpatrick and the date of death of the widow is not given.

In 1853, one Peter DeWitt, aged sixty-five years and a resident of Niles, New York, stated that he served in same company with Thomas Kirkpatrick in the War of 1812, and in the same year one J.C.DeWitt was a Justice of the Peace for Cayuga County, New York. In 1854, one Owen Dewitt lived in Skaneateles, New York, and in 1871, Cornelius D. Dewitt lived in the same place.