

Kerr, Major Joseph

Joseph Ferr

A Rev. soldier + War of 1812 - Tomb broken and covered with grass in S. W. part of Presbyterian Cem, Wmnsbrs. S. C., b. Antrim Ireland - Came to America at an early age - d. Jan. 4, 1822 age 70 yrs.

His will in Fairfield Co. Probate Judge says 1822 recording date unknown 21-287 was a

mason, had a bro. Robert of Philadelphia, a niece Nancy Ferr, dau. Robert - Presy Green

sister Daniel Ferr W^m bro. to Daniel Kerr Request body be decently interred in the Masonic order and with the honor of War.

D. C. archives A A 4252 A P. R. p. 5 was from N. C.; enlisted in Continental Regulars under Hon. Brig Gen. Muger May 22, 1780 served nearly 5 yrs. from N. C.; rank private - went into Fla. as a volunteer - Pension given Dec. 1817 Given \$140 \$60 a yr. Invalided pension started 1787; was cut with saber by a British disfigured and wounded.

Words (words) on tomb once read readable

"Is the memory of Major Joseph Kerr who left
this transitory scene of existence on the 4th day
of Jan. 1822; in the 70^{yrs} of his age. He was
a native of Ireland but emigrated to Amer. at an
early age and during the War for Independence
established the character of a brave man in the
various relations of private life. which he sustained
he was distinguished for rectitude and benevolence
and in his whole conduct and "conferred"
to the honorable and useful without
estentation. Int Pres. Sem ~~was~~ this Winnsboro
Copied this from L. Sumner, Newberry Co p 448
Fought War 1812, then retired uncle of
Nancy Kerr Arken!"