Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Jeffers (Jeffries) R5563

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The Honorable
James L. Edwards
Pension Commissioner Sir

The State of Alabama Morgan County July 21st 1845

Samuel Jeffers of Morgan County and State of Alabama was a Soldier of the Army of the revolution and Served in the State of South Carolina in General Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's Brigade and made out a declaration in open Court before Judge Peters at the Court house in the town of Summersville in Morgan County in the State of Alabama this application was forwarded to the Honorable Department by the hand and instructions of Judge Peters himself on an early day after the passage of the act of June 7th, 1832 -- he the said Samuel Jeffers was supported respecting his age and character as a truthful man and the general belief of his being a Revolutionary Soldier by the Certificate of James Edings a Clergyman who was at that time a preacher of the Gospel and of the Baptist persuasion who is since Dead. This declaration was received at the pension office Examined and sent back to Morgan County Ala. for to be amended which was Done and again placed in the hands of Judge Peters who shortly afterwards died at a Considerable Distance from Morgan County, and by this Change those papers have not been attended to, in consequence of the entire inability of the applicant who still is a Living at or near the same place where he resided at his first and Second act to procure his right to a pension, But in consequence of old age and Consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect the particulars of his Services so that a new Declaration can be made out in his behalf, therefore it is hoped that the Honorable Commissioner will please to transcribe the first Declaration and send on to Decator [Decatur] in Morgan County Ala., with the instructions how to fill up the amendment which was required to be done in order to satisfy the Commissioner of pensions Should your Honor find that the amendment was made and here and the papers again received at that office please to State in answer to this Inquiry all that we will appear respecting the Claim of Samuel Jeffers, as it is still fully believed that he is justly entitled and is undisputedly vastly needy at present and has been the whole time which has past, although his case has been greatly neglected there is no person who lived near him is attending to cases of this kind is the calls of this great delay your Honor Complying with this Request will very much oblige

The Hon.

James L. Edwards

Pension Commissioner

Your Humble Servent S/ Samuel Jeffries, X his mark

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Comptroller General's office Columbia South Carolina August 15, 1845

Book I

Indent 315} Issued the__ October 1784 Sd. Mr. Samuel Jeffer or Jeffrey Eleven Pounds Sixteen Shillings & five pence Sterling for one hundred days Militia duty in 1780, 81 & 1782 per account Audited

Principal £11.16.5 Amt. Interest £00.16.4

[Note: A letter dated December 28, 1853 contains the statement that the veteran is dead and survived only by a daughter who is now old and almost helpless. Her name is not stated. This file does not contain a copy of any formal application for a pension.]

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Audited Account No. 4012

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[No.] 315

[Book] I

Mr. Samuel Jeffers his Account of 100 days Militia Duty in 1780, 1781 & 1782.

Charged £79.7.6 add more 3.7.6

Currency £82.15 [old South Carolina currency]

Stg. £11.16.5 Sterling]

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3] State of South Carolina Dr. to Samuel Jeffers

		Days	£	S	D
1780	To 30 days Service as horseman under Capt. John Cunningham of	30	30		
Oct.	Col. Hills [William Hill's] Regiment at Blackstocks ² at 20/ ³ per day				
29					1
1781	To 24 days service as horseman under Capt. Garrison [Benjamin	24	20	0	0
July	Garrison] of Col. Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment at the				
	Quarter House as Sergeant at 2/10 per day 20/				

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the Just take me to the search page link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

² November 20, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution battle of blackstocks.html

³ 20 shillings old South Carolina currency was the per diem pay rate for a mounted militia man providing his own horse and equipment

	Certified by me Capt. Garrison			
1782 July	To 46 days Service as Sergeant under Lieut. Carswell [Henry Carswell of Capt. Henderson's [John Henderson's] Company of Col. Bratton's Regiment at Edisto at 1/9 per day 12/6 certified by me S Henry Carswell Leut.	29	7	6
		£79	7	6

Total <u>£79.7.6</u> 11.6.9 ¹/₄