Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Jenkins S18054

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State of South Carolina, Sumter District

On this 8th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before William Martin presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, James Jenkins Senior a resident of the District & State aforesaid aged about Sixty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth, on his oath, take the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I was born on the 29th of November 1764 in what is now called Marion District in this State, being at that time a part of Wingaw [sic, Winyah?], and there resided at the commencement of the revolutionary War and continued to reside there until I entered the service of the United States, which was at an early age, the day, the month, the year, I do not recollect, as my memory through old age and infirmity has become quite treacherous I would refer the Court to the annexed affidavit of Loftus Munnerlyn¹ for the time I did service which I believe to be correct -- I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the revolutionary war the company I was commanded by Captain John Rodgers James Calhoun was my 1st Lieutenant -we had no other subaltern officer as the company was small, the field officers who commanded the Regiment I was attached to work Colonel John Baxter and Major John Thompson Green the number of the Regiment I do not recollect it belonged to the Brigade commanded by General Francis Marion, I was acquainted with Colonel James Postell, Major John Postell and other officers belonging to the same brigade no regular Officers nor regular troops were under the command of General Marion, his Brigade was entirely Militia I was never in any general engagement with any part of the British Army. The section of Country I resided in was never much infested with Tories the Company I belonged to was Stationed the principal part of the time I was in service Brittons Neck between Great and Little Pedee rivers which was the only Whig neighborhood on the North side of Great Pedee in that section of Country we were stationed there principally to protect the Whig Citizens and their property from the invasions of the Tories. I was engaged in only one skirmish with the Tories we had sent a boat down the River for Rice and on the return the Tories captured her, the news came to us immediately, and the company marched down the Pedee River and attacked the Tories at Black Lake near the mouth of Little Pedee River we recaptured our Rice Boat and also the Tories Boat one Whig was

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¹ Loftus (Loftis) R. Munnerlyn S18136

wounded, the Tories dispersed immediately they never would stand an engagement -- I was sent under several expresses during the time I was in service. I afterwards fell under the command of Captain Archibald Adam and continued under his Command until peace was declared, and was discharged by him but had no written discharge, his Company was also under the Command of Colonel John Baxter.

I would refer to the Court to H. D. Green a clergyman of respectability in my neighborhood and to T. J. Wilder who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier in the revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/T. J. Wilder, CCP

S/ James Jenkins

Jams Jenkins

[H. D. Green, a clergyman, and T. J. Wilder gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina, Marion District

Personally came before me Loftis Munnerlyn who being duly sworn saith that James Jenkins served one year or more in the revolutionary war under Major Green, in General Marion's Army and that he believes him to have been a faithful soldier.

Sworn to before me this 6th of October 1832

S/ Loftis Munnerlyn, X his mark

S/ David Gibson, JP

South Carolina Sumter District

Personally appeared before me the Reverend James Jenkins who being duly sworn saith, in addition to the matters and things set forth in his preceding declaration, that he never received a written discharge from the Service.

Sworn to before me this 17 June 1833

S/F. J. Moses, Q. U.

S/ James Jenkins

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the South Carolina State Troops.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to James Jenkins Audited Account No. 4018A

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² 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.

Petition of James Jenkins praying for a Pension Pensions Table J. Dugan

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To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina.

The Petition of James Jenkins of Sumter District

Sheweth

That he was during the American Revolutionary War an enrolled Soldier in the Brigade of General Marion and Served for some time under General Marion and fought in several Battles under his Command. –

Your Petitioner never availed himself of the provisions made by the Bounty of this State for the relief of is indigent Soldiers of the Revolutionary War as long as petitioner was able by Cultivating his fields with his own Hands to support his family and himself: But he has in his old age become blind and is poor and has a Wife and Children to Support.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that he may be placed on the Pension list and your Petitioner will pray.

James Jenking

S/ James Jenkins

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State of South Carolina

Marion District personally came before me Loftis Muuerlyn who being duly Sworn saith that he was personally acquainted with the Rev. James Jenkins in the Revolutionary War & knew him to be a good Soldier under the command of Genl. Marion & was encamped at the old ReDoubt & at Gilis bay also in Company at Black Lake when the Rice boat was retaken and the Tories boat taken also

Sworn to before me this 12 day of November 1830

S/ David Gibson, JP

S/ Loftis Munnerly, X his mark

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South Carolina Sumter District Personally appeared before me James Jenkins and made Oath that he Served in the Revolutionary War under the command of Captain John Rogers in regiment of General Francis Marion.

Sworn to before me this 19th day of November 1830

S/ John Croswell, Q U

Signed

James Jenkins

William Woodbury [?]

Thomas Evans

Marion & in favour of James Jenkins' Petition