Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Jennings S36630 Transcribed by Will Graves f15SC 11/21/08 rev'd 2/1/16

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County

In the record of the proceedings had in the Caldwell County Court among others these are the proceedings to wit Be it remembered that at a County Court held for Caldwell County at the Courthouse in Princetown Tuesday 24th of November 1818 the following proceedings were held to wit James Jennings an inhabitant of this Commonwealth renouncing all former claims to a pension & applying to be heard respecting his claim to the benefit of the law of Congress of March last and being duly sworn Testifies & says that he enlisted into the 6th Regiment of South Carolina Continental troops commanded by Colonel afterwards General William Henderson with Captain John Montgomery on Pacolet River & marched with him to Charlestown about the time of the raising [of] the Regiment that he continued in the said Regiment until Charlestown was taken [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in which he was made prisoner during which imprisonment his three years for which he enlisted expired owing to which imprisonment he could not obtain his discharge that he was in the Attack made on Savannah [Siege of Savannah, September 16-October 18, 1779] & went as far as St John's River with the expedition Sent[?] out against Saint Augustine [1778 Florida Expedition] -- That being now in reduced Circumstances standing in need of the aid of his Country for support he makes this application which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of State [Certified by Jon S. Phelps, Clerk]

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County: Sct.

In the Record of proceedings in the County Court of said County among others are the following

Be it remembered that "At a County Court begun and held for Caldwell County at the Courthouse in the Town of Princeton on Monday the 24th day of July 1820" the following proceedings were held To wit "On motion of James Jennings he produced in open Court his affidavit which being Sworn to by said Jennings here in Court was ordered to be recorded which affidavit reads as follows To wit "State of Kentucky Caldwell County: SS On this 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County James Jennings age 65 years resident in said County who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows That he enlisted in the Company Commanded by Captain George Wiley of the 6th Regiment of the South Carolina

Continental Troops Commanded by Colonel William Henderson and served the full term of three years all of which is contained in his original declaration which bears date November 24th, 1818 and has received a Certificate thereof which is numbered 11,552. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

My property Consist of 60 acres of poor land about 30 acres of it badly improved with a poor log cabin on it the land and improvements worth \$150 a mare and Colt worth \$60, two cows and calves worth \$20 a sow and 14 pigs worth \$17 some plates and furniture worth \$10. My family Consist of my wife named Polley aged between 50 & 60 years two daughters one named Susan aged 17 years the other named Polley aged 14 years one son named Alexander aged nine years none of which are Calculated to render me any assistance in my occupation which is that of a farmer.

S/ James Jennings, X his mark Sworn to and declared the 24th day of July 1820 before the County Court of Caldwell.

[Fact in file: Veteran died August 24, 1834]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 24, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]