Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Jenkins S36632 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

Virginia, Hardy County to wit

At a Court held for said County of Hardy the 10th day of June 1823.

[Several illegible words] day of June 1823 personally appeared in open Court [two illegible words] being a court of record for the said County by Virtue of the Laws of Virginia in that case made and provided John Jenkins resident in said County aged sixty five years or thereabouts, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said John Jenkins enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of January in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Bedinger in the regiment commanded by Colonel Posey [see endnote] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Virginia Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps two years & ten months when he again enlisted under Captain James Gun [sic: James Gunn] in the 1st Virginia Regiment of light Dragoons commanded by Colonel [Anthony Walton] White where he served until he was discharged by Major John Swan at Ebenezer in Georgia after the war ended. That he was in the battles of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], Guilford Courthouse [NC, 15 Mar 1781], Geechee river [probably skirmish at Harris's Bridge on Ogeechee River GA, 20 May 1782] and at the Surprise of General [Anthony] Wayne by the British & Indians at the Widow Gibbons's in Georgia [probably at Sharon, 24 May 1782], and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services except the annexed affidavit of John Harris [pension application S37998]. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820 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 in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 — "Schedule of the whole Estate of John Jenkins real Estate none – personal Estate none except necessary clothing & working tools June 10th 1823 John hisXmark Jenkins"

And the said John Jenkins declares that he is by occupation a Shoemaker but is not able to follow that business but in a small degree his eyes having become very dim – and that he has no family whatever.

State of Virginia } Ss.

County of Hardy } [21 Feb 1837]

I John Jenkins aged 82 years, do upon oath testify and declare, that I entered the service in January 1777 and continued therein until the close of the war, that I served part of the time in a company commanded by Capt Bedinger and Major Posey, and also in the Va. Regiment of Cavalry commanded by Capt James Gunn and Col Anthony White and was honorably discharged in Winchester Va. by Capt Murray after the close of the war, but have lost my discharge. The evidence filed in the War Department when I obtained my pension, satisfactorily established the period of my service, and its truth – and my right to bounty land. [Power of attorney follows.] John hisXmark Jenkins

NOTES:

The only known Col. Posey was Thomas Posey. In 1777, however, he was still a Captain. Posey

was promoted to Major on 30 Apr 1778 and to Lieutenant Col. on 8 Sep 1782.

On 25 Jan 1839 Jenkins applied to have his pension transferred to Illinois having moved to Shelby County three months previously. On 25 April 1839 Jenkins applied again for a transfer, giving the following reason for his move: "his daughter & son in law, with whom he had lived for the last fifteen years and who has provided for him, & who he expects will provide & take care of him of him as long as he lives, have removed to the said State of Illinois & he came to Illinois to live with them." On this application he stated that while in Posey's regiment he was in the company commanded by Capt. Warman – probably Thomas Warman.