Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Jenkins S7069 Transcribed by Will Graves f13NC 10/16/08 rev'd 1/29/16

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[p 6] State of North Carolina, Rowan County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Sessions

On this 25th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court the same being a Court of Record before the Magistrates who are Judges of said Court now sitting, Aaron Jenkins a Resident of Rowan County in the State of North Carolina aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in the year 1762, that while very young his parents removed & brought him to Rowan County in the State of North Carolina where he has generally resided ever since. That he was drafted as a militia Soldier in the company of Captain William Bell in Colonel Francis Locke's Regiment under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] for the space of three months during the Revolutionary war -- and that he afterwards transferred to a troop of Cavalry in the Continental line commanded by Captain Gamble [Edmund Gamble] under Major Mountflower [sic, James Cole Mountflorence?] a Frenchman. That he furnished his own horse -- and during this first Service under Captain Gamble he was again drafted in the militia for three months but continued in the same troop of cavalry in all about the term of six months which service was accepted in the space of service in the State Militia for all this time that he was Drafted. That he had regular discharges and certificates of service from the officers of Calvary but having left home afterwards about the year 1793 & served about nine years in the Regular Army of the United States his papers were all lost during his absence --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and open Court 25th of August 1832. S/ Jno. Giles, Clk

S/ Aaron Jenkins

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Charles Dunn of the age of about 82 years & Resident of Rowan County do hereby certify that

he saw Aaron Jenkins who has sworn to the within Declaration as a soldier in the Cavalry at Salisbury that he believes him to be of the age seventy years that he was in the cavalry in the Army of the revolution.

Sworn to in open Court 25th of August 1832

S/ Charles Dunn

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S/ Jno. Giles, Cl.

[John McClelland and John Giles gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The foregoing declaration and certificates having been returned from the War Department with objections -- The applicant again appeared before me James Sneed [?] a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Rowan and being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath offer the following explanation & amendment to said declaration that he served fully six months under Captain Gamble and Major Mountflorence and not more; and that he was dismissed from the service shortly after the surrender [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] of Cornwallis in the fall of the year 1781. That his last service was to ride express to a place called the Waxhaws in South Carolina not far from where the village Lancaster [?] is now located to carry the news of the capture to that place.

S/ Aaron Jenkins

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in both the infantry & cavalry of the North Carolina militia.]