

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jennings S13529

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Fayette County Pennsylvania: SS

On this 28th day of September 1836 personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County John Jennings a resident of Fayette County Pennsylvania aged Eighty-three years who upon his oath make the following Statement in order to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That his services were performed in the following manner and under the following officers –

That about the first of October 1780 he entered with Captain David Hunter in Berkley [Berkeley] County Virginia for the term of one year and was joined to his Company and served under Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan] attached to his Regiment of Virginia Riflemen. He thinks he was joined to Morgan's Regiment in Winchester of this however he is not certain he served a part of his time at Winchester and was present at the siege and Surrender of Lord Cornwallis which was in the fall of 1781 that he cannot recollect of any other places he served during the years engagement with Captain Hunter other than as above stated at Winchester & at York town at the Siege of Lord Cornwallis his recollection however is very imperfect from age and infirmity.

This Deponent was born in England in the year 1753. That he resided [and] Bedford County from the close of the Revolutionary war until 1810 & from that he removed to Fayette County where he still resides – That he received a Discharge from Captain Hunter but has long since lost [it] – That he knows of but one person living that can establish the fact of his Services which is Captain Philip Longstreth [Philip Longstreth W12144] of Greene County Pennsylvania. That John Delaney and William Shenneberger – two of his neighbors will testify to his reputation.

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

S/ John Jennings, X his mark

[John Delaney and William Shenneberger gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Fayette County SS

On this 20th day of January 1837[?] ¹ personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for the said County of Fayette John Jennings who being duly sworn according to law make the following statement amendatory of his declaration for a pension which is now on file at the war office. In regard to the first amendment the deponent saith – That in 1818 and for many years subsequent thereto he was in tolerable circumstances & in the enjoyment of good health which enable him to provide well for himself & family without applying to government for relief I continued so until within the last five years since which time he has been so severely afflicted with Palsy & Gravel and as to be rendered totally unable to labor & do anything for a subsistence & has during that time exhausted all or nearly all the property he had previously secured & now for the first time feels himself warranted in making application for a pension to which he thinks himself well entitled.

Second – This deponent saith – That he was born in Great Britain in Gloucestershire, he is not certain whether in the year 1752 or 53 one or the other but thinks he was born about the middle of May 1753 –

That he was residing in the State of Virginia when he was first called into Service – and since then he has lived in the State of Pennsylvania & for the last thirty years he has lived where he now lives in Fayette County Pennsylvania.

He went into Service by Enlistment –

The name of his Captain was David Hunter and Colonel Morgan commanded the Regiment.

He received a discharge signed by Captain Hunter which was burned in his own house with all his other effects.

John Delaney & William Sheneboyer [sic] has certified as to his character & their belief of his services.

This deponent further states that his memory is a good deal impaired – Somewhat by old age but more by the disease under which he labors & that the circumstances of his service are detailed in his declaration & desires that the war Department may grant him a pension for the time he states in his declaration & further saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed this 20th day of January 1837

S/ James Piper

S/ John Jennings, X his mark

[p 11: On January 21, 1841 in Preston County Virginia, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Virginia agency saying that he had moved from Pennsylvania to Virginia to live with his son (not named).]

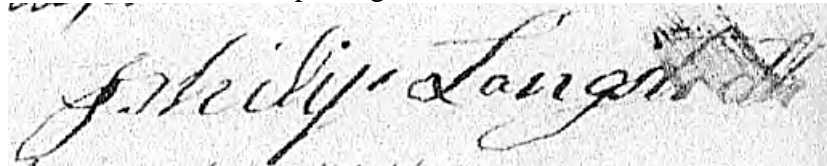
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Greene County Pennsylvania

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for the said County Captain Philip Longstregh who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith That he was well acquainted with John Jennings who hath sworn to the Declaration accompanying this affidavit during the Revolutionary War. That he knew well of his Services one-year in the Regular Service under Captain David Hunter in the revolutionary War and although he did not serve with him during the time yet he was intimately acquainted with Captain Hunter – lived his neighbor

and have frequently heard Captain Hunter speak of the service of the said Jennings in his Company – that immediately after the Expiration of his years service the said Jennings came to this deponent and showed him his discharge from Captain Hunter which was for one year. That it was an Honorable discharge and that this deponent knows the discharge to have been in the hand writing of Captain Hunter with which he was perfectly acquainted. That the discharge was dated in 1781 but does not recollect the month. That the said Jennings showed this deponent at the same time the oath of Fidelity he had taken renouncing his Allegiance to the Government of Great Britain. That this deponent remembers them both distinctly.

S/ Philip Longstreth

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philip Longstreth". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured. The signature is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the late 18th or early 19th century.

Vincent Smith October the 5th 1836

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