

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jenkins S16425

f19VA¹

Transcribed by Will Graves

12/20/13: rev'd 10/10/17

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky Harrison County: Sct.

On this 10th day of December 1832 before us William Furnish, Larkin Barnett and Lewis Day constituting the County Court of Harrison County which is a Court of record now sitting appeared John Jenkins a resident of Harrison County Kentucky aged about seventy-two years having been born in Spotsylvania County Virginia on the ___ day of ___ 1760, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the law of Congress passed June 7th 1832. He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated: That he volunteered for six months among the minute men (year not recollected) under Captain George Stubblefield; that he marched from his residence in Spotsylvania to Suffolk County Virginia where and in the adjacent Country he finished this tour; That he also served as a substitute for Thomas Gardner for six months under Captain Henry Stubblefield, Major Thorn [may be George Thornton] & in the brigade commanded by General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]; that during this tour (year not recollected) he marched from Spotsylvania County to Richmond Virginia Thence to Cabin Point where he was stationed some time, & was joined by the eighteen months men, and was discharged after having served upwards of four months. This tour was in the summer before the Marquis's Chase [Layette's chase], That he also afterwards served a tour of three months under Captain John White, Major Armistead & Colonel Mathews & General Weedon's [George Weedon's] brigade: That he marched from Spotsylvania County to the new barracks near Williamsburg; Thence to Williamsburg, whence he was driven out by the Enemy [April 18, 1781]. Then the Chase began. Thence to Richmond, thence to the bird Onnery [Bird's Ordinary, near Point of Fork on the James River], where this tour Expired. That he then entered the service as a substitute for Caleb Coleman for three months under Captain John Chew, Major Hardeman [Thomas Hardeman] in Colonel Meriwether's [Thomas Meriwether's] Regiment & General Stephens' [Edward Stevens'] brigade; that in this tour, he marched in said Chase in & through the above mentioned Sections of Country in Virginia until the tour Expired: That he then substituted and again entered the service at the deep Spring for John Hawkins for a tour of three months under Captain Henry Stubblefield, Major Hardeman in Colonel Meriwether's Regiment & in General Stevens (he thinks) Brigade; this Tour he was at the Siege of York, and marched with the prisoners, thence to Fredericksburg where shortly after his said tour Expired and he was discharged. That he does not recollect any of the regular officers whilst in service, as such; That

¹ Thanks to John Bunnell for his help in identifying times, places and offices mentioned in the following pension application.

he recollects many officers, yet is not able to distinguish between them as regulars or militia; That besides those already named he served with Colonel McWilliams [Lt. Col. William McWilliams], Captain Mills [perhaps William Mills], Generals Washington, Lafayette & Wayne [Anthony Wayne]; That he never received a written discharge as he recollects; that he lived in the County of Spotsylvania until 1812 when he moved to the County of Harrison Kentucky where he has resided ever since and now resides there. That he has no regular record of his age, but recollects his age well from information: He states & he verily believes that he served full nineteen months, including the above named periods of services, for the United States. He states that there is no person living by whom he can prove the foregoing services, within his knowledge except it is Claiborne Chandler who served 2 of the tours of 3 months each with him, and Francis Robinson who served another of same duration, who are both now in open Court, declaring the same. 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 or territory whatever.

S/ John Jenkins, X his mark

We Francis Robinson² & Claiborne Chandler³ residing in the County of Harrison and State of Kentucky hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Jenkins Senior who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be about 72 years of age; that he has been & still is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to be a man of veracity, and to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

S/ Francis Robinson, X his mark

S/ Claiborn Chandle

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claiborn Chandler". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 19 months in the Virginia militia.]

² [Francis Robinson S16517](#)

³ [Claiborn Chandler S16341](#)