

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jefferies (Jeffries) S18055

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[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' or 'undeciphered' 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. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

State of South Carolina, Union District

On this twelfth day of September 1842 personally appeared in open Court before John J. Pratt Judge of the Court of Ordinary, now sitting, the declarant John Jeffries [sic] a resident of Gilkey's Creek in the District of Union in the State of South Carolina aged Eighty two 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 June 7, 1832. This declarant states on oath that he has good reasons to believe he was born on the sixth day of March in the year 1760, near the Wateree Creek in that part of the State of South Carolina now known as Kershaw District. He has at this time in his possession a family Bible a record of his birth transcribed by himself from the original record in the possession of his father & mother in their lifetime. The Bible containing the original record, this deponent believes to be destroyed. This deponent further states that he was living on Gilkey's Creek in Union District in the State of South Carolina at the time he first entered the service, that he now lives at the same place & has continued to live at the same place ever since the war of the revolution. He states further that he first entered the service as a substitute under Lieutenant Moses Guiton [sic, Moses Guyton] & James Steen Colonel & served until discharged but does not now recollect the term of his service. This declarant states that he served two tours of duty as a Substitute one for Moses Collins & one for Samuel Brandon, but does not remember with certainty for which of them he first served. During the war, this declarant states, he was at different times drafted as one of the company of Captain Nathaniel Jeffries [sic], the father of this declarant & served various short terms of duty, in cases of emergency, under the command of Col James Steen & Lt Col William Farr & General Thomas Brandon. The whole of declarant's services were rendered in the State of South Carolina, as a private soldier of the militia, but the distinct periods of each term of his service he is now unable to state from his old age & loss of memory, & must refer, for the proof of this as well as his actual service to the record of his services as certified by the Comptroller General herewith sent. For proof of his identity & further proof of his services he would refer to the certificates of Drury Herrington, Nicholas Cary, Thomas Young & Major Joseph McJunkin, all of whom knew him in the service of his Country in the war of the revolution. This declarant does not now remember ever having received a written discharge, but was discharged by parole. This declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present; & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of Agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Jefferies, Senior

John Jefferies senior

J. J. Pratt, Judge of the Court of Ordinary Union Dist. So. Ca.

[p 9: Note: the image of the following document is so faint on the Fold3.com version that it is illegible. The following transcript was made from the version posted on Herritage quest.com.]
State of South Carolina Union District: Personally came before me the subscribing Magistrate John Jefferies Senior a Soldier of the Revolution and after being duly sworn saith the cause why he did not apply for his pension at the same time that other Revolutionary soldiers was he did not know that any record had been made of him serving in the Comptroller General's office and also that he felt like he could live without the support of Government, but he now thinks his services or as made [faint text, illegible for several lines] those with whom he served in the battles and defense of his country. Sworn to and subscribed before me December [illegibly faint] 1842

S/ John Jefferies Senior

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A copy of the Memorandum written in the Margin of Indent Book. The right Jefferies
N^o. 2933 } Given 5th June 80. John Jefferies
Liberia R } £21. 5. 8 1/2 Sterling duty in Beaudens
Regiment & 1/2p audited.
N^o 112 Principal £21. 5. 8 1/2 Interest £1. 9. 11

Copy of the Account.
State of South Carolina. In John Jefferies.
for Militia Duty in Beaudens's Regi-
ment before & since the fall of
Charleston & Beaudens's Return Army
to Currency £169.
Styl £21. 5. 8.

Comptrollers Office Columbia Dec^r. 12th 1840
The above are true copies of the originals in
this Office
Wm. Ed. Bayne
Compt. Genl.

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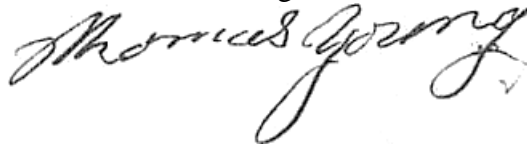
State of South Carolina, Union District

Personally came Thomas Young¹ a pensioner of the United States, before me John J. Pratt, Judge of the Court of Ordinary, & being duly sworn, on oath declares that he knew the declarant John Jeffries in the service of his Country as a Soldier in the war of the revolution, & that he now knows him, & has known him ever since the war of the revolution.

Sworn to before me this 21st day of September 1842.

S/ J J Pratt, Judge

S/ Thomas Young



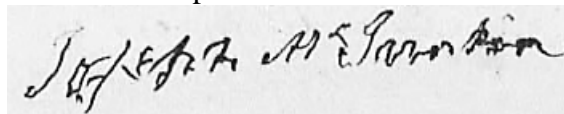
State of South Carolina, Union District

Personally came Major Joseph McJunkin² a pensioner of the United States, before me John J. Pratt Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Union District & made oath that he knew the declarant John Jeffries in the war of the revolution & knew him in the service as a soldier under the command of Colonel James Steen & has always known him since the war of the revolution as a resident on Gilky's Creek in Union District in South Carolina. This deponent further states, that after the fall of Charleston in 1780, that John Jeffries with this deponent & other Whigs in South Carolina who refused to take protection, were constantly under arms, embodied into companies until the close of the war, as there only means of safety & defense.

Sworn to this 21st day of September 1842 before me.

S/ J J Pratt, Judge

S/ Joseph McJunkin



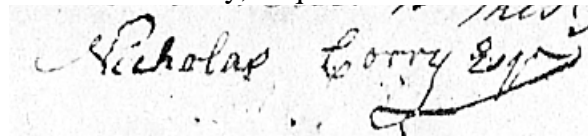
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Carolina, Union District

Person [sic, personally] Came Nicholas Corry³ Esquire before me the subscribing Justice and being duly sworn saith that John Jefferies Esquire served a tour of Duty in the American Army under the Command of Colonel James Steen and was stationed at the ten mile house near Charleston in the winter of 1779 and said deponent saith he believes said Jefferies served until he was fairly discharged in the said Army Sworn and subscribed to this 3rd day of October 1834 before me.

S/ Isaac Peeler, JP

S/ Nicholas Corry, Esqr.



¹ [Thomas Young S10309](#)

² [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

³ [Nicholas Corry \(Currie\) S21126](#)

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State of South Carolina, Union District

Personally came Drury Harrington,⁴ a Pensioner of the United States for Revolutionary Services, before me, and being duly Sworn, deposeth & saith that he entered the Old War of the Revolution with John Jefferies -- That they were drafted for three months & marched to the relief of the Troops then at Stono -- That they marched as far as Bakens Bridge [sic, Bacon's Bridge] where they received intelligence of the Battle of Stono -- That they were there, at Bacon's Bridge -- discharged = This deponent states that, in this tour, they were commanded by Colonel James Steen, who was under the Command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] --

This deponent further saith that he fully believes that the said John Jefferies served with the Cavalry in a tour to Edisto in this expedition Moses Guiton [sic, Moses Guyton] held the Commission of Lieutenant.

Sworn to & subscribed before me November 20, 1838,

S/ Drury Harrington



S/ Samuel A. Goodman, Q. U.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to John Jeffries pp5
Audited Account No. 4013

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[Note: Bobby Gilmer Moss and JD Lewis both treat this audited account as applying to the veteran whose pension application is transcribed above. I am not convinced that is the case and believe that it may well be a different man by the name of John Jeffries. I base this on the fact that the veteran whose federal pension application is transcribed above signed his own name whereas the veteran whose records appear below was illiterate and unable to sign his own name.]

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[No. 2933]

No. 112

[Book] X

5 June 86 [1786]

John Jeffries For Militia Duty in Brandon's Regiment before and since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Col. Robert Anderson's] Return Amounting to

⁴ [Drury Harrington S6979](#)

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[old South Carolina] Currency £104.0.0
Sterling £21.5.8 ½

October 5th, 1785 Received of Daniel McClary full Satisfaction for my Account
against the State of So. Carolina The Amount unknown which is Returned into the Auditor's
office in Charleston and do Request that a Treasury Indent may Issue for the full sum and
Interest to the said McClary or his Assigns as witness my hand the day and date above written
S/ John Anderson, JP S/ John Jiffras, J his mark

Rec'd 5 June 1786, full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 2933 – X, per Order within &
Assignment filed in No. 1083. X

S/ Geo. Selby [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Geo. Selby", written over a horizontal line. The signature is highly stylized with large loops and flourishes.