

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Jeter S21840

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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.]

South Carolina, Union District: To Wit

On this sixth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of Common Pleas & Sessions now Sitting for said District James Jeter a Resident of Union District aged Seventy-three 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as hereinafter named; -- I entered under Captain David Hopkins, in the year which I cannot recollect -- In Chester District South Carolina, march[ed] then and joined Colonel William Thomson below Granby -- & then marched to the Eutaw & then returned back & remained a short time, then was sent to Florida under the command of Captain Richard Winn Lieutenant William Caldwell & Oliver Toles [Oliver Towles], on the St. Tillas River [sic, Satilla River] where I was taken prisoner [at Fort McIntosh] by the British, Tories, & Indians, I was then paroled & returned home, I afterwards in the year 1780 or 1781, joined Colonel Brandon [Thomas Brandon] & Colonel William Farr as a volunteer and after several Tours went to Buck Head & besieged it and did not take it, then marched against a Fort at Orangeburg which was carried -- marched then to Dorchester under Colonel Brandon & Colonel Hampton Then returned by the Round O then returned Home & remained a little time -- then marched to Ninety Six under Captain Trammell & joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781], then returned under Colonel Farr home -- remained at home a few days & marched to the Cherokee nation under Captain Otterson [Samuel Otterson] -- Had a skirmish with the enemy's & then returned home -- I again marched to Orangeburg under Captain John Thomson & kept a Garrison -- the time out on the last Tours of duty cannot recollect -- returned home again & and a short time marched to Jacksonburgh [sic, Jacksonborough], under Colonel Brandon -- then marched to Pocotaligo & Combee [Combahee?] -- under Lieutenant Hamilton Then was sent with an express to Colonel Brandon to Union District -- I was afterwards out under Captain George Avery<sup>1</sup> & other officers, and severe Scouts afterwards went to Fairfield under Captain Thomas Baker -- was then out on various other duties until the close of the war sometime in the\_\_

I have no documentary evidence of my Services and can only refer to Major Thomas Young & Major Jos McJunkin to prove my Service

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<sup>1</sup> Bobby Moss in his *South Carolina Roster* suggests that this may be Capt. George Aubrey.

To the Interrogatories<sup>2</sup> propounded by the Court I answer 1 & 2 I was born in the year 1759 in Virginia Amelia County and have a record of my age at home 3<sup>rd</sup> in Chester District & have continued to live in Union ever since the revolution --4. I enlisted first afterwards volunteered

5 I have stated within

6 never received a discharge nor held a commission

7<sup>th</sup> I refer to the Reverend John Jennings & Major Thomas Young to prove my character for truth & moral deportment I do hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jno B. O'Neill, Pres. Judge

S/ James Jeter



[John Jennings, a clergyman, and Major Thomas Young gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, Union District

Captain James Jeter came personally before me and deposeth as follows in order to Explain & make more explicit his declaration for an Application for a pension under the Act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 Saith as follows That during the Revolutionary War he enlisted under Captain David Hopkins in defense of his Country against the British Tories & Indians -- the year he cannot recollect -- was out until taken a prisoner & paroled six months, I again Joined the service in behalf of my Country as above Stated under Colonel Brandon & Farr in the [year] 1780 or 1781, as a volunteer during which time I was out three months & believe more until I returned home by the Round O. I then went to joined General Greene at the Siege of Ninety Six & was out one month or more -- I then marched to the Cherokee Nation under Captain Otterson was out at least two weeks -- again out under Captain John Thomson kept a Garrison at Orangeburg out this time one month at least I again served another Tour of duty of one month under Colonel Brandon, again under Captain Avery one week & believe more, was out again under Captain Thomas Baker seven weeks was out again in various other tours until the Close of the war not less than four months -- I also Served one Tour of Duty at Perkins Mills [?] on Saluda under

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<sup>2</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Lieutenant William Franklin of one month, which is not mentioned [in] my declaration. -- this deponent further states that from the different Tours of duty as set forth is fully impressed with the belief that he did served in all more than 19 months & a half but certain that length of time -- this deponent further states that considerable of the Services this deponent has forgotten from the great length of time -- and this deponent further states that when taken prisoner he lost his horse gun & saddle &c all of which he has never got any pay for.

Kept sworn to & subscribed before me the 11 May 1833

S/ James Jeter

S/ Wm Shelton, JP

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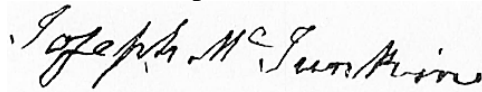
South Carolina Union District

Personally appeared before me Major Joseph McJunkin<sup>3</sup> and deposeth that he was well acquainted with James Jeter -- during the Revolutionary War, that he believes that James Jeter enlisted under Captain David Hopkins who afterwards was Colonel, and that said Jeter was under Colonel W. Thomson of the Rangers -- and at the fall of Charleston this deponent believes said Jeter was taken a prisoner, and in consequence of his parole was kept out of the Service for some time -- and when the parole was out the said Jeter Rejoined the service & continued until the close of the war. That Mr. Jas. Jeter is a respectable good Citizen and of good veracity.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me 25 September 1832.

S/ J. Rogers, Clk

S/ Joseph McJunkin



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State of South Carolina, Union District

Captain James Jeter came personally before me and deposeth that when he enlisted under Captain David Hopkins and out on his first Service he served six months before he was taken prisoner and was then paroled after having Served six months -- and then served as out -- set out in his last affidavit -- from the length of time & the great loss of memory cannot recollect the precise dates.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 9 September 1833

S/ James Jeter

S/ William Mitchell, JQ

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months and 3 days in the South Carolina Continental line and militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to James Jetter [sic]

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<sup>3</sup> [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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[No.] 2944

No. 112

[Book] X

8 June 86 [1786]

James Jetter For Militia Duty in Brandon's Regiment, since the fall of Charleston per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £141.10.0

[Sterling] £20.4.3 ¼

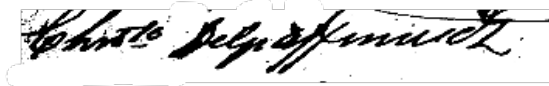
Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3: Restatement of the veteran's services as set forth above except in a slightly different format]

Rec'd Columbia 16<sup>th</sup> February 1791 from Commissioner Treasury an Indent No. 2944 Book X for Twenty Pounds, 4/3 ¼ in full for the difference per Order

£20.4.3 ¼

S/ Christ<sup>o</sup> DeGraffenreidt [Christopher DeGraffenreidt]



[p 4: very poor image of the document which appears to be dated April 28<sup>th</sup> 1790 signed by James Jeter who signature their own appears as follows:



This is probably the document by which Jeter assigned his interest in the Indent to DeGraffenreidt.]

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To the Honorable the President & other Members of the Senate the Petition of James Jeter praying for compensation for Revolutionary services

Claims

Chs. Kebbin [?]

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The State of So. Ca.

Union District}

To the Honorable the President & other Members of the Senate

The humble petition of James Jeter Sheweth unto your honorable body

that he was a Soldier in the revolution in the regular Service of the United States that he enlisted at an early period of the War and that he suffered many privations and Lost property to a considerable Amount and that he now comes before your honorable body with such Vouchers as is in his power to obtain at this late day and he begs your honorable body to grant him such relief

as your honorable body shall deem meet<sup>5</sup> and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c  
[no signature]

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South Carolina

Union District} Personally appeared before me James Geeter [sic] who being duly sworn saith that he was regularly inlisted as a private in the regiment of [sic] raised and commanded by Col. Thompson [sic] of the said State, that he was in service at St. Ille [sic] under the command of Capt. Richard Winn one of the officers of said Regiment who commanded at a Fort called McIntosh which surrendered to a British force under the command of Colonel Brown [Thomas “Burnt Foot” Brown].

And this deponent further saith that at the time of his capture and surrender he had in his possession a good horse saddle and bridle, together with a [sic] other accoutrements all his own property, which were taken by the enemy and for which he never received any price or consideration directly or indirectly.

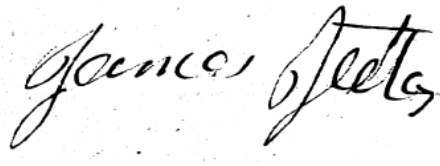
And this deponent further saith that he inlisted under Capt. David Hopkins and was mustered near Granby and remained in the service under different officers until he was captured at Fort McIntosh where he with Capt. Winn and his company were by some arrangement, paroled until the expiration of their inlistment, as well as he recollects and for all which service this deponent never <sup>received a</sup> dime but twelve dollars in addition to <sup>which</sup> a bounty of land was always held out <sup>by the officers</sup> to the soldiers of the said Regiment and to which they would be entitled on their quitting the service.

Sworn to before me

November 13<sup>th</sup> 1820

S/ J. McKibbin, J. Q.

S/ James Jeetter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Jeetter". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent 'J' at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail at the end.

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South Carolina

Chester District} Personally appeared before me James McClure<sup>6</sup> who being duly sworn saith that he served in the Regiment of Rangers during the Revolutionary war raised and commanded by Col. William Thompson [sic], that he was serving in the said Regiment at St. Ella [sic] in the State of Georgia at a Fort called McIntosh under the command of Capt. Richard Winn which Fort surrendered to the British forces under the command of Col. \_\_\_ Brown and this [deponent] further saith that James Geeter [sic] now of Union District in the State aforesaid who served and was as this deponent believes a regular enlisted soldier of the said Regiment and surrendered as one of the garrison of the said Fort, and had at that time a horse saddle bridle gun and other accoutrements the private property of the said James Geeter which was taken by the enemy and for which this deponent believes the said James Geeter never received any price or

<sup>5</sup> In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

<sup>6</sup> SC AA 4936 him him

consideration.

S/ James McClure<sup>7</sup>



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South Carolina

Chester District

Personally appeared before me Captain Dan McDuff<sup>8</sup> who being duly sworn saith he was personally acquainted with James Geeter now of Union District, that he knows that the said James Geeter was enlisted and served as a private soldier in the rangers raised and commanded during the revolutionary war by Col. William Thompson, that in such capacity he was under the command of Capt. R. Winn at a Fort on the St. Elle in the State of Georgia called Fort McIntosh, which surrendered to a British force under certain articles of capitulation.

And this deponent further saith that at the surrender of the garrison of the said fort the said James Geeter had a horse saddle bridle gun and other accoutrements which was seized and taken possession of by the enemy.

Sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> December 1820

S/ John Cherry, J. Q.

S. D. McDuff



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<sup>7</sup> this man spelled his surname variously as McClure, McCluer, McCleur. Here is an example of his signature taken from p 18 of his Audited Account in which he signed his name James McClure



<sup>8</sup> [Daniel McDuff S155](#)