

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Jenkins S2651

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County: August Term 1832 Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

On this 29th of August [1832] personally appeared in open court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Thomas Jenkins aged 74, a resident of the County of Edgecombe and State aforesaid, 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 of June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.--

That he was born in the County of Pitt N. C. in the year 1754 -- the record he received from his father & mother. Residing in the County of Pitt he volunteered and was put in a company commanded by Captain Samuel Barrow with John Throgmorton Lieutenant. This company was of the Regiment of Colonel Sumner [Jethro Sumner]. He does not recollect the period in which he entered the service nor when he left it. --He met his company at Greenville marched through Smithfield to Salisbury and remaining there a short time we proceeded to Charlotte meeting a few skirmishing parties of Tories -- and returned to Salisbury and were discharged. He recollects to have seen General Sumner. This service embraced a period of five months. --

Having remained for some time at home he volunteered and was put in the company of Captain Rich'd Reeves [Richard Reaves] whose Lieutenant was Samuel Warren -- Ensign Charles Waldrum. He went to Wilmington and on his march met Colonel Shepard at Kingston [sic, Kinston] NC and halted for some weeks. Then went into Hanover -- he was in pursuit of Major Craig [James Craig] a British officer -- He was in a skirmish at Long field Coxe's upon Neuse [River]. This service embraced a period of three months -- Having returned home he was discharged.

In a short time he volunteered again for a term of two months -- and was put in the company of Captain Samuel Barrow -- with Samuel Warren his Lieutenant. -- he belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Shepard -- he went out after having embodied at Greenville under the general command of General Caswell [Richard Caswell] to Smithfield and thence to the Western part of North Carolina and after spending the time for which he had engaged in pursuit of Tories returned to Greenville and was discharged.

He sustains the first [indecipherable word] of this declaration by the oath of John

Bryan<sup>1</sup> who was with him -- the second and third he is without any direct proof of. -- He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a gratuity or pension other than the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Thomas Jenkins, X his mark

I John Bryan, of the County of Pitt do hereby certify that I was with Thomas Jenkins in the service of the United States and believe the facts set forth in the first clause of his declaration is correct.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ John Bryan, X his mark

[John Bryan and Edmund Ricks gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County: February term 1833

In addition to the facts set forth in the preceding declaration, Thomas Jenkins personally appeared in open Court & deposes to the following facts

That when he was called into service he resided in the County of Pitt where he was born - - and he continued to reside there until the year 1790 when he removed to the County of Edgecombe, N. C. and has continued to reside there until the present time.

He further states that he was unable to procure the certificate of a clergyman in consequence of none being convenient to him and his age and infirmities prevent him from taking the pains that were necessary to have enabled him to do so --

The declarant further states that his witness John Bryan is confined to his bed at home with Palsy, a distance of fifteen miles and that his own infirmities put it out of his power to visit him for the purpose of obtaining a more full statement of his services with declarant.

Declarant further states that he did serve as herein stated for nine months -- as a private in the companies as stated in the declaration hereto attached and with this he claims from his country such justice as the law has provided.

Sworn to -- and subscribed

S/ Thomas Jenkins, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> [John Bryan W5914](#)