

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jenkins S31776

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The State of Alabama, County Court of Limestone County: SS

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Judge of said County Court in & for the County of Limestone in the State aforesaid, now sitting, John Jenkins a resident of said County aged Eighty 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein Stated -- That in the month of January 1776 he being then a resident of Craven County in the State of South Carolina, joined a Company of the militia of said state as a volunteer, said company was commanded by Captain Moses Bonas [sic, Moses Bond] in the Regiment or part of the Regiment commanded by Major William Brown & that he was marched from said County under the command of General Simpson to a place on Robin's Creek in the Western part of said State, where they dispersed & captured some Tories, That he served only one month on this campaign, as an orderly Sergeant in said company of infantry & was discharged That on the first day of April 1776 he enlisted or volunteered in the Army of the United States for the term of twelve months in the Regiment of Rangers of the South Carolina Troops under the following named officers, Captain Richard Winn commanded the company in which he enlisted & one Lian & Hart were lieutenants, said company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Frederick Thompson Lieutenant Colonel __ Mason & Major __ Speers - - that on 28th April 1776 he was marched from Craven County the place where he enlisted as aforesaid to the Eutaw Springs where he joined his said Regiment & from thence he was marched to Sullivan's Island opposite Charleston where he was under the command of General Moultrie [William Moultrie] & was stationed there until the attack was made by the Enemy in June 1776 in which battle he was engaged [Battle of Fort Moultrie, June 28, 1776]¹ -- that during the battle he was stationed on the East in of Sullivan's Island. That he remained a few weeks there after the battle & was afterwards stationed on the Congaree River the greater part of the term of his enlistment when after serving out the full Term of his enlistment, as a private, he received a written discharge signed by said Colonel Thompson, which he has long since lost it, -- That in September 1780 he joined the company of South Carolina militia commanded by Samuel Otterson² was marched by him in pursuit of several small parties of Tories, until affiant was

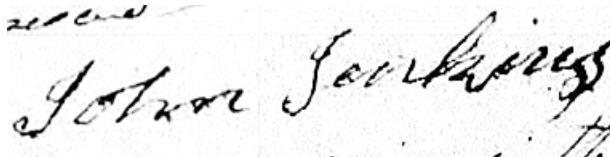
¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

² [Samuel Otterson S25344](#)

taken prisoner & carried to the Camp of Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] by whom he was detained a prisoner six weeks & then made his escape that the time he served & the time he was a prisoner as aforesaid was in all, 10 months, as a private -- That immediately on his return, to which, in October 1780 he again joined the company commanded by said Otterson & marched for the high hills of Santee, where he was in a skirmish with the enemy & then marched with 150 picked men under Colonel Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon] to Orangeburg where they attacked the enemy & took 50 prisoners, British & Tories from thence he was marched to Black River from thence home again, that he served as private in this campaign three months in the Infantry on the first of April 1781 he again was marched in the Company commanded by Philip Anderson as Captain in the Regiment commanded by Colonels Brandon & Fore [sic, Farr?] & Major Otterson & shortly afterwards joined the Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781],³ where they were beaten back by the enemy & retreated to Enoree River, where he was discharged & only served one month on this campaign -- That during the war his home was plundered the enemy took from him five head of horses his cattle & hogs & left him impoverished -- That he served as a private as aforesaid might team months, as a footman That he was born in Loudoun County State of Virginia the 18th day of January 1753 that he ascertained his age from a registry of the same made by his father in a book That after the revolutionary war he continued in said County of Craven until he removed to Franklin County State of Georgia some time in said State until he removed to Limestone County State of Alabama in 1823 [could be 1829] where he has ever since resided & still resides -- That he has no documentary evidence of his said service having lost the only written discharge ever received by him -- That he knows of no person by whom he can prove his said Services, that he once transmitted to the war Department the affidavit of Jeremiah Jaggars⁴ who is now dead, proving his said service, which affidavit he has not seen since -- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid
Test: S/ Robert Austin, Jr., Clk

S/ John Jenkins

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Jenkins". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[John Faver, a ~~clergyman~~ & John N. Baird gave the standard supporting affidavit

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$65 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months and a Sergeant for one month in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to John Jenkins
Audited Account No. 4019

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³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

⁴ [Jeremiah Jaggars R5544](#)

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.

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No. 24

Lib. [Book] V July 19th, 1785

John Jinkins [sic] his Account of 39 days duty as private in the Militia at 10/[10 shillings old South Carolina] Currency per day in 1782

Amounting to £2.2.10 ¼

Ex^d. J.H.S. [Examined by J. H. S. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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X 1723

John Jenkins

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June 8th 1784 I have this Day received from General Richard Winn the full value of my Account Against the Publick, now lying in the Auditor's Office for auditing and afterwards to get an Indent for the Same from the Treasury, and I do request the Commissioners of the Treasury of the State of South Carolina to make out the Indent for the same with the Interest pursuant to the resolve of the Legislative in that Case to him the said Richard Winn and to accept this as a receipt in full against the Publick for the said Account.

S/ Thomas Baker, JP

S/ John Jinkins, X his mark

[p 10: Printed form of Indent No. 1723 Book X dated March 3, 1786 "delivered to Mr. John Jenkins this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE, for the Sum of Ten Pounds eight Shillings & eight Pence Sterling for 2 Heifers one Gun & 102 Days Militia Duty as per Account passed by the Commissioners."]

[p 11: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements, among others, by Richard Winn.]