

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Oliver S32421

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Georgia. In the Inferior Court of Pulaski County

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "an Act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May 182 I James Oliver of the County of Pulaski in the State of Georgia doth hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution sometime in the year 1775 for the term of three years under Captain Mason a recruiting Officer: that a part of the said term of three years I served under Captain Mason said Officer in the second Regiment of foot soldiers raised & enlisted in South Carolina: That Captain Mason resigning I served a part of said tour of three years in said Army under Captain Blake: That the balance of said term of three years I served under Captain Dunbar as a Sergeant in said company & Regiment aforesaid being transferred from Captain Blake's to Captain Dunbar's company in said Regiment: That at the expiration of said Term of service I enlisted for & during the war in said Army of the Revolution & continued in the service under said Captain Dunbar until taken prisoner at the fall of Charleston: that I was carried a prisoner into Virginia & in said State last mentioned retaken: That hearing & being informed that the officers of said Captain Dunbar's Company who were also taken prisoner were in Philadelphia I was ordered to Philadelphia & finding my company was not there I joined Captain Turner who was raising a troop of Horse but he being appointed a commissary General of prisoners I served under & with him till the expiration of the war And that being separated from the Company I served them when taken a prisoner & in which I had till then continued since enlisting for the war & in consequence of the death of my officers received no regular discharge nor a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed 15th May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States.

Sworn to in open Court March first 1830

S/ Joseph Carruthers, Clerk

S/ James Oliver, X his mark

George of Pulaski County: In the Inferior Court of said County.

The Honorable the Inferior Court of the County of Pulaski made this day (the third day of September 1832) in Chambers present there Honors Burwell W Bracewell, John Bozeman, John W Barkwell & John Joseph Taylor Justices of said court.

On this the third day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County, in open Court James Oliver a resident of Pulaski County & State of Georgia 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 that he has previously made the application (a certified copy of which is hereto attached) under the act passed the 15th May 1828: that at the time of said application he then & now resides in the same place in the said County of Pulaski & State aforesaid: that the facts contained in said application are true; that when he enlisted & entered the service in the Army of the Revolution as set forth in said application he resided in Darlington District South Carolina: that he served the whole term of said enlistment under the captains as therein mentioned; that at the time of his Colonel Mott commanded the Regiment & Major Alexander McIntosh the Battalion to which his company was attached; that at the time of his enlistment for the war General Lincoln was commander in chief Francis Marion Colonel & Huger Major: that under Captain Blake he was in the Battle at Fort Moultrie; that under Captain Dunbar he was at the siege of Savannah & in the general battle which there took place – also in the battle of John's Island upon Stono, – & also at the fall of Charleston where he was taken prisoner & separated from said Captain Dunbar's Company; that he was retaken from the enemy at Yorktown at the defeat & surrender of Lord Cornwallis & that said Turner mentioned in said application was a Captain in the first Regiment of the Troops raised & enlisted in South Carolina: and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State or (if any) only on that of the agency in the State of Georgia.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court.

S/ Joseph Carruthers, Clerk

S/ James Oliver, his mark

State of Georgia County of Pulaski: SS

On this the eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Lott Warren Judge of the Superior Court of the County aforesaid now sitting James Oliver a resident of the 349th Company district in the said County of Pulaski & State of Georgia aged eighty-one years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following further and amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832: –

That he was born in Darlington district in the State of South Carolina in the year 1752 & has no record of his age except a memorandum in a family Bible: –

That he served in the second or Colonel Moultrie's Regiment with the following Continental Regiments; the first or Colonel Pinckney's Regiment, the third or Colonel Thompson's Regiment, the fourth or Colonel Johnson's Regiment & the fifth Colonel Henderson's Regiment & that he does not remember any of the militia Regiments with which he served: –

That by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear as to the precise time he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for the first term of his enlistment, but to the best of his recollection it was at the time of the first commencement of the war & must have been in the year 1775 or 1776 and that immediately after the expiration of the three years the term of his first enlistment as set forth in his declarations heretofore made and hereunto attached he enlisted for and during the war of the Revolution: –

That also by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear as to

the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & for the following grades – for twelve months he served as a private soldier under the Captains Mason & Blake – for three as a Sergeant under Captain Dunbar to the time he was taken prisoner at the taking of Charleston & for 12 months as a private soldier with Captain Turner & for his service as a private soldier claims a pension:

That his declarations heretofore made & hereto attached are in substance true to the best of his recollection: that he has no documentary evidence to prove the truth of those declaration; that he is very poor old & infirm & far separated from the place of his enlistment & early home living in a sparse and thinly settled country & not in a situation to make the inquiry whether there be yet living any of the surviving soldiers of the Revolution who recollect his services: that all his Captains & other officers, his brother Thomas Oliver who enlisted about a year after his first enlistment, John Hines, Anthony Hines, James Clarke, Josiah Culp, Robert Coleman, and all those of whom he has any recollection of serving with are now an & have been (as he has heard & believes) long since deceased except William Jenkins and that he knows no one except the said William Jenkins by whom he can prove his first tour of enlistment & service and none whatsoever by whom he can prove his last enlistment & service for & during the War of the Revolution:

That since the war of the Revolution in Darlington District South Carolina near Camden in South Carolina, & in Washington & Pulaski counties in the state of Georgia & that there is no clergyman living in his district or immediate neighborhood.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Lott Warren, Judge

S/ James Oliver, X his mark

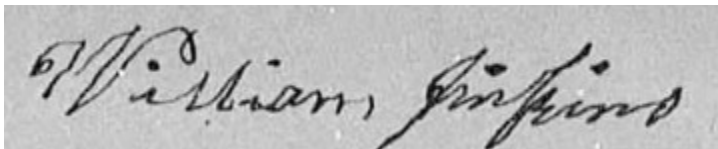
[Levi Harrell and William Barfoot gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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George of Wilkinson County: Before me Aaron Rees one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid personally came William Jenkins of the State & County aforesaid & being duly sworn deposeth & on oath saith that he served in said Companies mentioned in the foregoing declaration of James Oliver with the said Oliver until the expiration of the said Term of three years: that the said Oliver did enlist for & during the War of the Revolution after the expiration of said term of service & continued in the service under the command of General Moultrie of the second Regiment of foot companies in the State of South Carolina in said company of Captain Dunbar: & that said Oliver is generally reputed & believed to have been a soldier & Sergeant as mentioned in the said foregoing declaration & to have served in manner as therein stated.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 16th day of March 1830

S/ William Jenkins¹

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jenkins".

S/ Aaron Rees, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$81.32 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two years service as a private & Corporal in the South Carolina Continental line.]

¹ [William Jenkins S38080](#)