

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua Dinkins
S3278
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Joshua Denkins or Dinkins
Revolutionary War Pension File
Service: NC
Pension Number: S3278
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19474
West Tennessee
Joshua Denkins [Dinkins]
of Henry Co. in the State of Tennessee
who was a Private & Musician in the Company commanded
by Captain Cannon of the Regt. Commanded
by Col. Wright in the N. C.
line for 4 mos. Private
6 mos. Musician

Inscribed on the Roll of W. T.
at the rate of 35 Dollars, 33 Cents per annum,
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 11 day of Sept.
1833 and Thomas
K. Porter, Paris

Arrears to the 4 th of Sept.	\$88.32
Semi-ann. Allowance ending 4 March	<u>\$17.66</u>
	\$105.98

Revolutionary Claim
Act June 7, 1832.

Recorded by Danl. Boyd, Clerk
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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of Tennessee)
Henry County

This day personally appeared before me, Wm. S. Patterson, one of the acting justices of the peace & duly commissioned by law as such, Joshua Dinkins, who made oath in due form of law, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: That he is a resident of the said county of Henry and aged about seventy years, that when about sixteen years of age when he lived in N. Carolina, Pitt County, under ~~Capt.~~ General Ash in Col. Caswell's Regt., six months as Musician, and marched to Charleston and from thence to Augusta in Georgia, and thence to Savannah River

near the mouth of Briery Creek, & was in the defeat at sd. Creek & was drafted in sd. tower [sic] under Capt. Nathaniel Cannon.

And that he served another tower of three months as wagoner, as a substitute – I do not recollect for whom – the Capt's name not recollected, but to the best of my recollection under General Sumter & Majr. Enlow, no engagement in that tower. I was called out and served another tower of three months & I do not now recollect whether I was drafted or volunteered. I went for Wilmington and the enemy left before I got there, the officers names have slipped my memory. I also in the time helped here two towers, one nine months & the other twelve months, nineteen of us hired on each tower. I have no documentary evidence & that I know of no person whose testimony I can procure, who can testify to my service. I moved from Pitt to Anson County & from thence to Stewart, Tenn. & thence to my place I now live.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity whatever except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any state.

I received discharges but cannot recollect from whom, nor what went with them.

his
Joshua (x) Dinkins (seal)
mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me
as above. Wm. S. Patterson J. P.

State the name of persons in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief unto your services as a Soldier of the Revolution:

Ans.: I am well acquainted with John Matheny and John P. Matheny, who have known me for upwards of twenty years.

We, John Metheny and John P. Metheny, both citizens of Henry County Tennessee, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Joshua Dinkins, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, and have known him for upwards of twenty years; that we believe him to be about seventy years of age; that we believe him to be a man of undoubted veracity, and that he is reputed & believed to be a Soldier of the Revolutionary War in the neighborhood where he now lives, and that we concur in that belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in our presence the 10th day of September 1832.

John P. Metheny
John Metheny

Wm. S. Patterson J. P.

And the said Justice does hereby certify & declare his opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after the putting of the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states above, and that the said Justice further certifies that it appears that John Metheny and John P. Metheny are resident citizens of this County and credible persons, and their statements are entitled to full credit, this 10th September 1832

Wm. Patterson
A justice of the peace
for Henry County, Tenn.

I hereby certify that the said applicant cannot from bodily infirmity attend the Court.

Wm. S. Patterson, J. P.

State of Tennessee) I, Thomas K. Porter, Clerk of said county court do certify that the foregoing is the
Henry County) original proceedings in the matter of the application of Joshua Dinkins for a
pension under an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the town of Paris, the 21st day of September A. D. 1832 and 57th year of American Independence.

Thos. K. Porker, Clk.
by B. C. Brown, D Clk.

State of Tennessee) This day personally appeared before me William S. Patterson, being the same Justice of the Henry County) Peace before whom the foregoing declaration was sworn to, the said applicant Joshua Dinkins, and by way of amendment to his said declaration, makes oath that he served the first tour of six months described in said declaration, allthetimeasamusician, in Capt. Cannon's company as therein before described. The next tour, which was of three months, declarant served as a waggoner; as to the statement of the third tour, in his original declaration, in which it is said that declarant "was called out another tour" of three months, declarant says he was not only "called out", but served one month to the best of his recollection as a private. And so this declarant, by way of recapitulation, says he served in the War of the Revolution one tour of six months as a musician, one tour of three months as a waggoner, and another tour of one month as a private soldier. Declarant states that the reason why he did not procure the affidavit of a clergyman to his original declaration was that none lived convenient to him, or within a distance that declarant could procure the attendance of one at his house, and from the bodily infirmity of declarant, he could not go to a clergyman. Declarant states that the reasons for not procuring the affidavit of a clergyman still continue to operate more strongly in deed from declarant's increased infirmity.

Joshua (x) Dinkins

Sworn to & subscribed before me, this the 31st day of May 1833

Wm. S. Patterson, JP

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in & for Henry County, who being duly sworn depose & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of recollection, not less than the period mentioned below and the following grades – six months musician [musician], and three months a waggoner and one month a private, and for such service I claim a pension.

Joshua (x) Dinkins

Sworn to and subscribed before

Wm. S. Patterson, JP

this the 31 day of May 1833

State of Tennessee) I Thomas K. Porter, clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said county, do

Henry County) certify that William S. Patterson, whose signature appears to the within & foregoing certificate, is now and was at the time of signing the same, an acting justice of the peace for said county, duly commissioned & qualified according to law, and that all due faith and credit is and ought to be given to his official acts as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of said court at office in the town of Paris, the 26th day of June A. D. 1833 and 57th year of American Independence.

Thos. K. Porter, Clk

by B. C. Brown D Clk.

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Henry County -

Joshua Dinkins

Tennessee

From Private & musician

10 months,

Pr. 4 mos. \$13.33

Mu. 6 mos. \$22.00

\$ 35.33

Thos. K. Porter,

Paris, Henry Co.,
Tenn.

BRIEF in the case of Joshua Dinkins
County of Henry in the State of Tennessee

Act 7th June, 1832.

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or Judge? Judge
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disable by bodily infirmity? it does
3. How old is he? 70
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period	Duration of Service	Rank	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
Drafted in 17__ the year not specified	6 months	musician	Col. Right, Capt. Cannon
Drafted, ditto	3	substitute wagoner	Genl. Sumpter, Maj. Enlow
Ditto	3		

Ditto, 2 other tours of one month & the other 12

5. In what battles was he engaged? none
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? N. Carolina, Pitt County
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? Traditionary
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? correct

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

John N. Ashton
Examining Clerk.

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File No. 3278
Joshua Denkins [Dinkins]
Mus'n. N. C. Line

Act: June 7, 1832

BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of Joshua Dinkins which require further proof or explanation.

1. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? yes
2. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides? yes
3. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so?
4. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? yes
5. Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled? no
6. Has he given the names of officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations? yes
7. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832? yes
8. Has the Court given their opinion? yes
9. Has the Clerk given his certificate? yes
10. Is the Clerk's seal affixed? And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? yes
11. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? citizens
12. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it? no
13. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had? yes