

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Jennings S4439

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State of Kentucky Owen County Sct.

On this 1st day of April 1833 Personally appeared in Open Court before Cyrus Wingate, Caspers Claxon, Jacob H Smith and James H Sale Justices Composing the County Court of Owen now sitting as a Court Edmund Jenkins, a resident of Owen County in the State of Kentucky 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 7th 1832. –

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

That he lived in the State of Virginia in the year 1774 or thereabouts when he was in and Engagement with the Indians at the mouth of the Kenkawa River [Kanawha River] under Major Lewis who was a Commander of the British Troops at that time against the Indians.

That in the year 1777 he was drafted for two months to go into the war of the Revolution, that his Captain's name was Draper, the Colonel was Christley [sic, probably Col. William Christian] who commanded the Regiment, that the Regiment marched from Fincastle County Virginia to the Frontiers called the Blue Stone, that this affiant served out the two months tour of duty, that from this tour of duty he was discharged and received a discharge which he has lost. – That in one month after the aforesaid draft, this affiant was again drafted for one year to go into the War of the Revolution, that he accordingly marched into the Army under the Command of Captain Dennis and Colonel Chrisley [sic] who was the Commandant of the County of Fincastle. That he marched to Hillsborough where he was placed to nurse one Abraham Coard who was taken sick and afterwards died, that this affiant was then himself taken sick, and so remained until the time for which he was drafted had well-nigh expired, that he was after having faithfully served out his time for which he was drafted viz.: twelve months, honorably discharged by said Colonel Chrisley which discharge this affiant has lost or mislaid, that he was in no battle during this tour of service.

In the latter part of the year 1778 in the fall of that year, this affiant was again drafted for two months that he accordingly marched under the Command of Captain Draper and Major Russell to Long Island on the Holston River where was situated Bears fort and Black fort, that during this tour of duty, he was in and Engagement with the Indians, that this affiant after having served out his tour of two months, was Honorably discharged which discharge he has lost or mislaid. – That in the year 1781, He came to the now state of Kentucky to Gordon's Station near the mouth of Dicks River, and was then placed in the service under the Command of Captain

Gordon [probably John Gordon], and occasionally Captain McAfee as an Indian Spy. That this affiant acted in the Fort as an Indian Spy for the summer of 1781 under the said Captain's Gordon & McAfee [perhaps Samuel McAfee] until the summer of 1782 when orders came from Colonel Stephen Trigg calling upon all stations to go to the relief of Bryant's Station which had been deceived by the Indians. That he marched under the command of Colonel Trigg & Captain Gordon to Bryant's Station, when the Indians had fled to the lower Blue licks [Blue Licks, August 19, 1782], where they were pursued by Colonel Trigg, Colonel Todd [John Todd], Major Harland [Silas Harlan] & others where an engagement ensued and the Indians were conquerors, and Colonels Trigg & Todd and Captain Gordon were slain, that this affiant was one among the few who made a safe retreat to Bryant's Station, that he was again marched back to the Battleground under the command of Colonel Benjamin Logan, but the Indians had retreated, he from thence marched to his station and there remained as an Indian spy until the fall of 1782 when he was called on to go into the Campaign of Colonel Clarke [George Rogers Clark] which he did, under the Command of James Ray as Captain and Lieutenant Anthony Crockett. That during this expedition, Colonel Clarke took many tours [? could be 'towns'] on the Big Miami River and took many Indians prisoners, that this affiant returned to the mouth of Licking River where all who were there safe & unhurt made an agreement to meet their fifty years from the year 1782, that he then came to his station whilst General Clarke had gone down the Ohio River to the falls. – This affiant was again put to spying and guarding the forts & frontiers until 1783 when peace was made between the Indians & settlers, and a general exchange of prisoners, that this affiant performed various other tours of duty after this time, but is advised it is not passed to his credit. He states that he did in pursuance of the agreement aforesaid meet at the mouth of Licking in 1832, the volunteers of the Miami Expedition who were yet living, and but few met most of them having died, that he has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any living witness whose Testimony he can procure to prove the aforesaid services. – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of the United States. – Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. –

S/ Edmund Jennings, X his mark

Questions put to the applicant by the Court.

When and where were you born? Ans. In Bedford County Virginia in 1751. – Have you any record of your age if so where is it? Ans. I had but have lost it having been taken by the Indians. Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the revolution, and where do you now live? – Ans. When called into the service I lived in Fincastle County Virginia, Since the Revolution I have lived in West Tennessee and some time in Arkansas, and now live in Owen County Kentucky. How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, if so for whom? Ans: I was drafted for all the tours of duty I performed and served no tour as a substitute. – 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 services? Ans. I have no recollection of regular officers or troops the chief of them with whom I served were militia officers & troops – Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it? Ans. I received discharges from the service for every tour of duty except the service I performed as an Indian Spy all from my captains, and one from the Colonel, all of which I have since lost –

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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution. [No answer evident]

[William Searcy, a clergyman, Henry Conrad and Smith Calvert gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: Facts in file: at the time the veteran applied for his pension in 1833 he was living with a sister whose name is not stated in the file documents; in 1833 the veteran was living in Sumner County Tennessee with the post office at Gallatin; in 1834 he was living near Nashville, Davidson County Tennessee to which he had moved to be near his children (none named); veteran died December 6, 1840 leaving a widow not named in the file documents.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia militia.]