

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jenkins S7070

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State of North Carolina Surry County

This 14 day of February 1833 personally in open Court before William G Haynes, William Macky, C. B. Tucker __ justices of the County Court of Surry now sitting William Jenkins a resident of the County of Surry North Carolina aged seventy-one 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 as a private and served as hereinafter stated. That he volunteered about the year 1779 in the County of Bedford Virginia for the term of one year under Captain Adams and Colonel Lynch at the time of his enlistment he was a resident of the County of Henrico Virginia. From the place of his enlistment he marched to a point near the North Carolina line in pursuit of Tories. He then marched to New River in Virginia where he remained some time stationed near a Ferry on said River called he believes Ingle's ferry [near present day Radford, VA]. From this place he marched to Botetourt [County] Virginia from thence he marched to Bedford Virginia where his term of service expired. He then volunteered for six months immediately afterwards the County not particularly recollected but believes Powhatan Virginia under Captain Allen of Cumberland Virginia from the place of his enlistment he marched to Potomac River below Alexandria where he remained a few days, from this place he marched to the South to join General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and after approaching to within 15 or 20 miles of Guilford Court house & hearing of the battle at that place [March 15, 1781] his company was ordered to return to the North and on his way to the North his term of service expired. He then volunteered for the term of six months in Powhatan Virginia under Captain Crawford & Colonel Taylor & his company immediately joined General Lafayette and marched towards Petersburg with a view to preventing the British from crossing James River near that place but after getting near that place and ascertaining that they were too strong to hazard an engagement with them his company was ordered to retreat to Chickahominy swamp from thence they retreated to the Raccoon Ford from thence he marched into Maryland to what he believes was called Elk River there his company was joined by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] when they marched in pursuit of the British to Williamsburg thence to James Town where an engagement took place in which the Americans were defeated from this place he marched to York town where after a battle Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] after this his time of service expired when he was discharged. He has no documentary [evidence] of his service nor does he know of anyone by whose testimony he can procure [by] whom he can prove his services.

To the 7 interrogatories required by the Department to be propounded to him he answers as follows

To the 1st question – Answers Chesterfield County Virginia in the year 1762

To 2 do, Answers I have none.

To 3rd do, Answers – in Henrico Virginia since the revolution I have lived in Wilkes, Iredell, ash and Surry North Carolina and now and County of Surry North Carolina.

To 4 do, Answer volunteer

To 5 do, Answer Generals Lafayette & Wayne and Colonel Barbour

To 6 do, I did from Captain Crawford which is lost

To 7 do, Answer Miner Mash & Jesse Brown

He further swears that there is no clergyman living in his neighborhood whose testimony he can procure.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Jenkins, X his mark

[Miner Mash & Jesse Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[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 service.]