

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Caleb Jenkins S8757

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State of Virginia County of Gloucester

On this 6th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Gloucester now sitting, Caleb Jenkins, a resident of the County aforesaid and State of Virginia, aged Seventy-two 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 acts of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the Command of Captain Gipson Claverius [Gibson Cluverius¹] of the Virginia militia in the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia at the age of sixteen years, and served under him from time to time, from the fall of seventy-six until after the surrender of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781], at York Town. He served at one time continuously from the month of May 1781 when the British man of war the *Bonetoc* [?]² came up York River until the termination of the siege which occurred on the 19th of October 1781 – At the time of the surrender the Company to which he was attached was on the Eastern side of Sarah's Creek, a short distance from Gloucester town, watching the movements of the British forces at that place.

That he served in all at least two years, and although never in any regular action, he was in several skirmishes but of no great moment – His services were of a local nature and confined chiefly to the County of Gloucester, although he was often sent upon scouting parties to the opposite side of the River – Belonging to the State militia, he was at all times liable to be called out and was accordingly from time to time. That no discharge was ever granted and of course he has none to produce, but in evidence of his services he refers to the annexed Certificates of witnesses.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Caleb Jenkins, X his mark

[Thomas Hogg and Lewis Stokes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

On this 11th day of February 1833 personally appeared before John Sinclair JP for the

¹ [Gibson Cluverius W8061](#)

² This MAY be a mistaken attempt to identify the *Bonetta*.:Ford XXI:1082, British sloop of war captured at Yorktown, Oct 1781. SchV: 44, British vessel, 14 guns, Capt R. Dundas, captured in 1781 by the French in the Chesapeake. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20B.html>

County of Gloucester and State of Virginia Caleb Jenkins who has sworn to the foregoing declaration and doth on his oath make this additional statement in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That his first services were under Captain Gipson Claverious in Gloucester County at Dickerson's bay near the mouth of York River at which place he served more than six months, his next services were at Gloucester Town at which place he served at least twelve months, his next services were at York town at which place he served fifteen days. He was then carried to Mulberry Island in Warwick County where he served two or three weeks, he was then carried to Williamsburg where he served at least two months. He was then brought back to Perrin's below Gloucester Town in Gloucester County where he served between two and three months and was in regular service at that place when Lord Cornwallis surrendered on the 19th of October 1781 And that he is fully convinced that he served during the war at least two years.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year before written
S/ Jno. Sinclair, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the Virginia service.]