

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Berry Jeffers W10145 Hannah (Joannis) Jeffers SC
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State of South Carolina }
Fairfield District } SS

On this twenty sixth day of June in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned Judge of the Court of Ordinary in and for the District aforesaid in the State aforesaid Harriet Jeffers, aged forty-nine years a resident of Fairfield District in the State of South Carolina, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 and the subsequent Acts & Resolutions of Congress granting Pensions to Certain widows, That she is the daughter and heir at law of Joannis Jeffers deceased who was the widow of Berry Jeffers deceased, a Revolutionary soldier and who served as follows, That said Berry Jeffers at the time of the war was living in what is now Richland District in the State of South Carolina and about the years 1775 or 1776 enlisted as a private soldier in the third South Carolina Continental Regiment Commanded by Colonel William Thomson and in the company of Captain Rich'd Brown [Richard Brown], That in said capacity he served out his full period of enlistment to wit three years and as such was a fellow soldier of Gideon and Morgan Griffin [Gideon Griffin, pension application W8877 and Morgan Griffin, S18844], Allen [Allen Jeffers, S1770] and Osborne Jeffers the latter of whom a brother of Declarant's father was killed in battle as this Deponent was informed in Charleston South Carolina [probably siege of Charleston, spring 1780]. That afterwards he served under General Thomas Sumter Capt. William Smith's Company in what was called Sumter's Brigade, That after serving as aforesaid he came back to his old neighborhood and on Twenty third Day of August AD. 1782 he married Joannis, or as she was often called by the family, Hannah Griffin: That her aforesaid father Berry Jeffers died about Thirty years ago in Richland District and her mother the aforesaid Joannis or Hannah Jeffers remained the widow of said Berry Jeffers until her death on the sixteenth day of November A.D. 1844: She further swears that her said mother Joannis Jeffers died without ever applying for a pension as such widow being very poor & ignorant as to manner of obtaining it That they were married by the Rev'd Mr Logue at the time above stated & previous to the first day of January Seventeen hundred and ninety-four. Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year

aforesaid before me }
J. S. Stewart } Harriet herXmark Jeffers
Judge of the Court of Ordinary }
for Fairfield District }

State of South Carolina }
Richland District } Personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Magistrate in and for said District, James Rawlinson who being duly sworn according to Law doth, on his oath make the following statements That he is Eighty Eight years of age and has with the exception of two years ever lived in Richland District: That he was living in said District during the Revolutionary War and was a near neighbor of and well acquainted with Berry Jeffers who to this deponent's distinct knowledge & recollection was a regular enlisted soldier in Captain Richard Brown's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Thomson, commonly called the Rangers and as such private soldier served out three years: That from the same neighborhood were Morgan & Gideon Griffin, Allen Jeffers, Orsburn Jeffers & five of this Deponents brothers one of whom did not survive the war. That of the battles in which this Deponent recollects of hearing said Berry Jeffers speak of having been in were those of Savannah [siege of Savannah, 24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779], Charleston [siege], Brier Creek [3 Mar 1779], Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep 1781] and King's Mountain [7 Oct 1780]: That he spoke frequently of

being in the Eutaw Battle, and the spring after said Battle he came home in Richland District and soon after so coming home said Berry Jeffers engaged with this Deponent's father in the blacksmith trade and continued with him seven years during which time this Deponent worked in the said shop with him and during the summer after said Berry Jeffers came home from the war he married Joannis Griffin living in the same neighborhood: That this Deponent was not at their marriage but distinctly recollects that they said that the marriage ceremony was performed by Reverend Mr. John Logue living in the same neighborhood: That from the said time of their said marriage they lived together as man & wife in said District until said Berry Jeffers died: That after his said death said Joannis, his wife, moved into the adjoining District of Fairfield where she died as this Deponent was informed five or six years ago: That this Deponent was also acquainted with Harriet Jeffers the daughter of said Berry & Joannis Jeffers, and that this Deponent is not interested in any amount which said Harriet may recover for the services of said Berry Jeffers as aforesaid. Sworn to and subscribed this fifth day of April A.D. 1850

Before me/ R T Wynne/ Magistrate

James hisXmark Rawlinson

NOTES: A court document dated 15 Sep 1851 certified that the only surviving children of Berry and Hannah Jeffers were "Mrs. Harriet Jeffers and Joannis Coon." The file contains a family record in a small notebook, transcribed below.

Berry Jeffers was born March the 25th day 1750

Hannah Griffen was born

Berry Jeffers and Hannah Griffen was Married the 23rd day of August ANDm. 1782 by the Reverend Mr. John Logue

Salley Jeffers Daughter of Berry Jeffers and Joannas His wife was born March the 27 day ANDomini 1783

Griffen Jeffers Son of Berry Jeffers and Joannas His wife was born January the 4th day ANDomini 1789

Gideon Jeffers Son of Berry Jeffers and Joannas his wife was born December the 18th day ANDomini 1790

Rachel Jeffers Daughter of Beary Jeffers and Joannas his Wife was born February the 26 day ANDomini 1793

Asa Jeffers Son of Berry Jeffers and Joanna his Wife was born March the 9th day ANDomini 1795

Ozban Jeffers Son of Beray Jeffers and Joannas his Wife was born February the 13th ANDomini 1797

Nancy Jeffers Daughter of Beray Jeffers and Joannas his Wife was born March the 4 day ANDomini 1799

Hariett Jeffers Was born in the year of our Lord february 25^{the} 1801

Harriet

Asa McKenzie Jeffers Son of Harriet Jeffers Born Oct'r 29th 1823

Joanna Joanes Jeffers was born in the year of our Lord March 26 1804

James Jeffers was Born in the year of our Lord January 21^{the} 1801

Jenney Jeffers was born in the year of our Lord august 5^{the} 1806

Issea Rowlison and Albord rowlison was born in the year of our Lord 1804 february 9^{the} day Deceasd

Disea Bunch Daughter of Rebeckah Bunch was born the 3rd day of february Anno Domino 1800

Dorcas Kersey Daughter of Isaac Kersey and Sarah his wife was born October the 22nd day ANDomini 1777

Isaac Kersey Son of Isaac Kersey and Sarah his Wife was born June the 10th day ANDomini 1779

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Beersheba Jeffers born September 10 1810

William Pierseen

Moody Jeffers born July 24th Day 1813

February 5th 1816

Tho. H. Griffen Jefeers Born 6th febr'y 1839