

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Jenkins W20180

Elizabeth Jenkins

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State of North Carolina Bertie County

On this 21st day of March 1820 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and equity for the said County of Bertie Personally appeared Abraham Jenkins aged Sixty Four years resident in Bertie County who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary War" that he the said Abraham Jenkins enlisted for the term of two and a half years on the __ day of April in the year 1776 in Bertie County in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain John Pugh Williams of the fifth Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Buncomb [Edmund Buncombe] in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the expiration of the term for which he enlisted, when he was discharged from said service in the State of New York – that he was in the Battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777], Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services other than hereafter set forth.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ J. R. Donnell, J. S. L. & E.

S/ Abraham Jenkins, X his mark

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William Hogard maketh oath that he enlisted at the same time as Abram Jenkins who makes the foregoing declaration and continued to serve with him during the whole time of his service and this Deponent knows most of the matters set forth by said Jenkins to be true and believes all of them to be so. This Deponent also states that he verily believes that said Abraham Jenkins is in reduced circumstances in life and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to before me this 21st of March 1820

S/ J. R. Donnell, J. S. L. & E.

S/ William Hogard,¹ X his mark

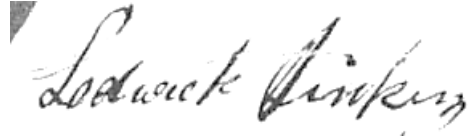
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Lodwick Jenkins maketh oath that he is well acquainted with Abraham Jenkins who makes the

¹ The NC Musterrolls include a private named William Hoggard who served 2 ½ years in the 5th Regiment having enrolled on 29 April 1776 and being discharged 29 Oct. 1778. I found no federal pension files relating to him, so his statement in support of Jenkins' service may be the only statement of his services.

foregoing declaration for a Pension and this Deponent verily believes the said Jenkins is in reduced circumstances in life and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. Sworn to before me the 21st of March 1820

S/ Lodwick Jenkins



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State of North Carolina, Bertie County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County aforesaid at the Court House in Windsor on the Second Monday of May AD 1821.

On this 18th day of May A.D. 1821 personally appeared in Open Court, (being a Court of record for the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina and proceeding according to the Course of the common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and having the power of Fine and Imprisonment) Abraham Jenkins aged about 64 years residing in the said County of Bertie who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he, the said Abraham Jenkins, enlisted for the term of two years and six months on or about the 27th day of April 1776 in the said County of Bertie and State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain John Pugh Williams in the fifth regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe [Edmund Buncombe] in the Line of the State of North Carolina and the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until expiration of the said term for which he enlisted -- That he served as a private soldier from the said time of his enlisting until on or about the 15th May 1778 when he was appointed and entered upon the duties of a Sergeant, in which Services he was employed in the said Corps until the month of June in the same year 1778, when he was appointed and entered upon the duties of a corporal, in which Service he was employed in the said Corps until the expiration of term for which he enlisted, when in the Month of October 1778 he was discharged from said service in the State of New Jersey -- that he was in the Battles of Germantown, Brandywine and Monmouth, that he has no other evidence than that which may be hereto annexed whereby to prove his said services --

And in pursuance of the said Act of Congress of the 1st May 1820, I, the said Abraham Jenkins, do hereby solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States aforesaid County of Bertie in the State of North Carolina on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of the Act of Congress entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged on the land and naval service of the United State in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed, Viz:

2 Horses - 9 Head of Cattle - 18 Sheep
12 Hogs - 3 Axes - 4 Hoes - 2 Ploughs
1 Chissel - 1 Augur - 2 Iron Pots - 1 Skillet
1 Frying Pan - 2 Beds only - A few plates,
cups and saucers of earthen ware.

And the fact Abraham Jenkins further saith that his family is composed of five persons besides himself, viz – Elizabeth his wife aged 56 years - Winny his daughter aged about 28 years - Polly, his daughter aged about 18 years - Willie, an orphan boy aged 10 years - and James, an infant aged 17 months, son of his Eldest daughter Winny - that his daughters Winny and Polly are able to contribute to their support and the orphan boy Willie able to do a little – that the rest of his family are able to do but little toward his or their support -and that he, the said Abraham Jenkins, is a farmer by occupation able to work but little, by reason of old age and infirmity - He further saith that he made his first declaration in order to obtain a pension on the 21st day of March 1820 before the Hon'ble John R. Donnell, one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity of the said State of North Carolina, that he made a second declaration for that purpose on the 16th day of November 1820 in Open Court then fitting in the said County of Bertie.

(Signed) Abraham Jenkins

Sworn to, Subscribed and declared by the said Abraham Jenkins in Open Court on the 18th day of May 1821 -

Attest: S/ E. A. Rhodes Clk.

I Elisha A. Rhodes, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the said County of Bertie, do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the record of the said Court. And I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited on the aforesaid Schedule is one hundred and sixty dollars - I further certify that the said Abraham Jenkins made oath and exhibited the aforesaid Schedule of his property to obtain a pension on the 16th of November 1820 in Open Court.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court on this 2d day of June A.D. 1821.

S/ E.A. Rhodes

Clerk of the Court of the County of Bertie – NC

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 4th July 1821

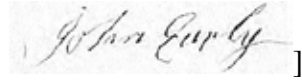
I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Abraham Jenkins, a Corporal in Captain Williams's Company of the 5th Regiment was mustered on the 27th April 1776 for 2 ½ years, that he was a Sergeant 15th May 1778, a Corporal June 1778 and discharged October 1778. Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

[p 5: On May 11, 1842 in Bertie County North Carolina, Elizabeth Jenkins, aged 78 years in August 1841, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Abraham Jenkins, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband first served for 2 ½ years under Captain John Pugh Williams of Bertie County, part of the time of which he served as a Sergeant and the other as a Lieutenant and during which service he was at the battle of Brandywine; that her husband returned home and entered the service again and served under John Folk; that she married Abraham Jenkins January 30, 1781 after his first service and prior to his last service; that she has no record of said marriage nor was any made; that her husband died September 12, 1823 and that she has remained his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 7: On May 11, 1842 in Bertie County North Carolina, John Early, 76 years old as of October

8th last, gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Abraham Jenkins in January 1781 at the affiant's Father's house in Bertie County; that the affiant knows that Abraham Jenkins served 2 ½ years prior to his marriage and then served 3 months in the state of Virginia after his marriage; that the veteran's last service was under John Folk as his Captain; that affiant was drafted 3 times during the war but always provided a substitute.



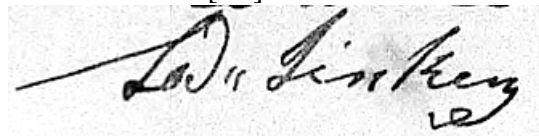
[p 18: On May 12, 1845 in Bertie County North Carolina, John Early gave another affidavit in which he states that Elizabeth Jenkins is his sister, the daughter of James Early of Bertie County; that after the veteran and affiant's sister were married, the veteran left home as a drafted militia man, having previously served 2 ½ years in the service of his country; that the affiant has "a distinct knowledge of their marriage and second service of Mr. Jenkins because when he left home, I went with him to the Town of Winton on the Chowan River in the now County of Hertford, where he was to meet the troops with whom he was to go, and did meet them there – I went to bring back the horses – the Captain of the company to which Mr. Jenkins belonged was John Folk – he [Folk] did not remain long however with his Company and returned home – After this I understood one Dempsey Cook was Captain – I always understood from Mr. Jenkins and others who went with him, that he Jenkins was Lieutenant in the Company.... went to great Bridge.... Mr. Jenkins returned home but a short time before the Capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781]...."]

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The affidavit of Lodwick Jenkins

Affiant saith that he is the son of Abraham and Elizabeth Jenkins - he has seen repeatedly the old family bible of his father's in which the ages of his children were kept - this was an old book and the ages were copied into another book after the death of his father and he has searched for the old Book and cannot find it, but affiant himself has a copy of his own age taken from the original which was in the hand writing of his father - he never saw any record of the marriage of his parents and thinks none was made - but this affiant was recorded to have been born on the 5th of Dec'r 1781 and was always told by his parents that was the time of his birth -and he was always told by them that they married the last day of 1780 or first of 1781 - He further saith that his father often spoke in his life time to this affiant of his being drafted for three months and going to the great Bridge after he was married to this affiant's Mother – He has often heard his father and an old man named Filmore, long since dead, speak of their trip to that great Bridge in the State of Virginia - affiant has always resided in Bertie County but knows of no one who can testify to the service of his father except those whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

S/ Lod Jinkens [sic]



Sworn to & subscribed before me this 13 day of May 1845 in open Court
S/ Jonathan Taylor, Clk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 21, 1820, for service as a corporal in the North Carolina Continental line for 30 months. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836.]