

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jenkins W21457

Sarah Jenkins

f43SC

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Original claim

Declaration to be placed on the Pension list under the Act of the 18th March 1818 –
State of North Carolina, Rutherford County: Superior Court of Law Term of the 3rd Monday after
the fourth Monday of September 1827

On this 18th [could be 16th] day of October 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Rutherford John Jenkins resident in the said County, aged Seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st May 1820 that he the said John Jenkins enlisted for the Term of 18 months on or about the last of the Summer or first of the fall of the year 1776, or about that time (but as to the time he cannot say positively as his memory fails him) in the State of South Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain Francis Boykin in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Thompson [sic, William Thomson], being the 3rd Regiment in the line of the State of South Carolina on the South Carolina Continental establishment: That he continued to serve in the said company first as private and then as Sergeant for the Term of 18 months, when he was discharged from the Service at the Ten mile house between Charleston and Fairfield in the State of South Carolina; That he was at the siege of Fort Moultrie [June 28, 1776]¹ when Sir Peter Parker cannonaded it, that he served better than nine months of that time in said company as first Sergeant and was discharged as such.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the Roll of any State, except South Carolina, and that he has not known until he made an endeavor to provide himself with evidence to support this application, that he was entitled to a pension. That he is very poor and infirm and lives with his son who takes care of him and his wife -- an old woman, about the same age of himself. That he has depended upon his son aforesaid for his support and maintenance for upwards of 20 years, that he has no property but his wearing apparel.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States 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 my wearing apparel. That since 18 March 1818 no changes have been made in my property or circumstances.

S/ John Jenkins, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on in open Court this 16 October 1827

S/ James Morris, Clk.

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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County

On this 16th Day of November 1839 Personally Appeared before Edward Rippey an acting Justice of the peace in the State & County above written a serring [certain] Sarah Jenkins, a resident of the State of North Carolina in the County of Rutherford, aged Eighty five years, 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 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows:" that She is the widow of John Jenkins, who was a Continental regular Soldier in the revolutionary War, that he entered the service some time about the year 1775 or 76 and that he resided in Fairfield District South Carolina when he Entered the Service & She further Saith that her husband John Jenkins was a pensioner and that he was Entered on the pension roll or list at \$96 per year at the North Carolina agency. So she refers the Department to the Evidence upon which he was pensioned --

She further Declares that she was married to the said John Jenkins in the month of November 1777 and that her husband the aforesaid John Jenkins Died on the sixth day of July 1830: and that she was married to him During the time of his Service: at the time above stated

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ Edw. Rippy, JP

S/ Sarah Jenkins, X her mark

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“Jesse Jenkins [Son of]

John Jenkins and Sarah his wife was Born in September the 26th day 1776”

State of North Carolina, Rutherford County”

Jesse Jenkins deposes
John Jenkins and
Sarah his wife was
Born in September
the 26th day 1776

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I Jesse Jenkins Depose and Say on oath, that the above is the original and genuine record of my age and the only family record that John & Sarah Jenkins ever had, for I am the only Child, and this Deponent further say that the above record is in the hand writing of Jeremiah Elders and was in the possession of John Jenkins my father until his Death, and since that time and my own possession.

Sworn to and subscribed this 25th day of April 1840.

S/ Jesse Jenkins, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

Personally came Sarah Jenkins widow of John Jenkins Deceased before me Edward Rippy an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath in due form of law and Deposeth and Saith, that She was Married to John Jenkins her late husban [husband] in the month of November 1777 before the Expiration of his Service in the War of the Revolution. That her husband John Jenkins came home from the Army on a ferlow [furlough] for she was living in farfield [Fairfield] District South Carolina no great distance from the Army where her husband was Stationed: and they got married and her husband remained with her a few weeks and returned back to the Army to serve out his time which was only Six or Eight weeks – and she further saith that her husband John Jenkins was afterwards Drafted and went and served as he said a three months tower [tour] as a Militia Soldier –

Sworn to and subscribed this 24 day of November 1840 before me
S/ E. Rippy, JP

S/ Sarah Jenkins, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Cleveland County

On this 14th Day of March 1842 personally appeared before James Roberts an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County Sarah Jenkins, a resident of North Carolina in the County of Cleveland, aged 88 years, 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 in the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836, granting pensions to Certain widows. That she is the widow of John Jenkins, who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, first he enlisted in the

South Carolina line for the term of 18 months and after the expiration of that term, he was Drafted and went two different tours in the Militia of South Carolina. She believes the first tour to have been in the crop season of the year 1778 -- for her husband had commenced a crop with one of his neighbors, and when called out in service she had to work in the field in her husband's place, and that she believes the last tour to have been some time in the year 1781 or 82 for she well recollects that her eldest and only son must have been three or four years of age, from circumstances well recollected. She further saith that her husband John Jenkins was a pensioner and was entered on the pension list of the North Carolina Agency and that she being instructed did apply for a pension under the Act of 7th July 1838, not knowing that there was any other Act or provision for widows, and did receive a pension Certificate under that Act, at the rate of \$60 per annum which money has been received, and that she refers the Department for proof of service and of the Date of marriage to her papers on the files in the pension office. She further saith that she was married to the said John Jenkins some time in November 1777, and that her husband the aforesaid John Jenkins died on the sixth day of July 1830 and that she was married to him prior to his leaving the service, and that the marriage took place at the time above stated -- and she further saith that her husband the aforesaid John Jenkins was a resident of Fairfield District at the time of his Service.

Sworn to and subscribed on the Day and year above written before
S/ James Roberts JP

S/ Sarah Jenkins, X her mark

[p 24: SC Comptroller General's certificates of payments made to a "John Jenkins" during the revolution.]

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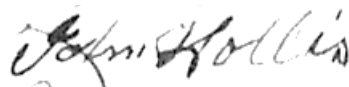
South Carolina, Fairfield District

Captain John Hollis² formally an Ensign in the company of Francis Boykin of the Third Regiment of the South Carolina Troops on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution appeared before me and being duly sworn made oath that John Jenkins was a first Sergeant in the said Regiment and served as such at the siege of Fort Moultrie in the State of South Carolina: that he served the time of 18 months and was honorably discharged between this and Charleston after his term of service had expired.

Sworn to before me an acting Justice of the Quorum this 17th September 1827

S/ James Elliot

S/ John Hollis



[p 43, is an affidavit given by Elizabeth Gladden, 80, of Fairfield District SC as to the marriage of John Jenkins to Sarah his wife in November 1777, she says she was present and witnessed their marriage, and that Sarah Jenkins is her sister.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 17, 1827, for service as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the

² [John Hollis S21827](#)

rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836. Her pension was based on her husband service as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina Continental line. No explanation is offered for the difference in the descriptions of the service of the veteran.]