

**Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Jehu Orr W5453 <sup>1</sup>

Jane B. Orr

f18NC

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State of Mississippi Chickasaw County: SS

On this 4th day of June 1852 personally appeared before me Jacob Ault Judge of the Probate court in & for the County and State aforesaid, Jane B Orr at her residence, (she being unable from bodily infirmity to appear in open Court) a resident of Cherry Hill in the County of Chickasaw and State aforesaid, aged seventy-six years and eight months 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 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Jehu Orr who was a private in a cavalry or horse or scouting Company war Rangers commanded by Captain Malmady or Mal ma day [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] or some such name (deponent not distinctly remembering the pronunciation of the name) of the militia of North Carolina engaged in behalf of the United States of America in the war of the revolution. – That he, the said Jehu Orr performed service in said company for twelve months or longer in the years 1779 & 1780 or thereabouts, deponent not remembering distinctly the date of his entering the Service or the date of his discharge – but of the fact of his having served as a volunteer in said service for twelve months or a longer period she is confident – that he resided in Wake County in the State of North Carolina at the time he entered the service – that the service was performed principally North and North West of Raleigh in said State.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jehu Orr on the 7th March 1793 – that her husband the aforesaid Jehu Orr died on the 18th of March 1827: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, Viz. at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now and has been a widow since the death of her husband aforesaid and that she has never before made any application for a pension not having been apprised of the existence of the law for her benefit. She further declares that she is not aware that any soldiers survive who performed service with her said husband.

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

S/ Jacob Ault, Judge

S/ Jane B Orr



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<sup>1</sup> BLWt36604-160-55

[p 10: on October 1, 1855, Jane B. Orr, 80, a resident of Pontotoc County, late of Chickasaw County and also of Calhoun County of the state of Mississippi, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Jehu Orr stating that her name prior to her marriage was Jane B. Clinkscales; that her husband died at his residence in Anderson District South Carolina on March 18, 1827 and that she remains his widow.]

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The declarant above is my Grandmother – I have lost or mislaid an accompanying affidavit from W. F. Clinkscales, her brother, proving the marriage of the declarant and the death of her husband, Jehu Orr a revolutionary soldier. – My grandfather died in 1827. I was present and also attended his funeral – Jane B. Orr his widow has remained a widow since his death – I know she is the identical person who is receiving a pension from the Government for the revolutionary services of her late husband Jehu Orr – the original certificate was sent through me to her in Mississippi. She now resides with my father and her son Christopher Orr in Pontotoc County Mississippi – formally they resided in Chickasaw County Mississippi – subsequently in Calhoun County after the division of Chickasaw and now in Pontotoc. – Her name will be found on the roll of pensioners and I know her to be the identical person she represents herself to be.

S/ James L. Orr

M.C. Dist. S.C.

[p 14: family record]

Jehu Orr was born August 1763

Jane B. Orr was born the fifth of October 1775

The Above was Married seventh of March 1793

Green and Washington was born 17th of October 1787

Lodawick & Charlotte was born 18th of November 1789

Christopher Orr was born second day of May 1794

Charlotte & Thomas Hayes was married 19<sup>th</sup> Jany 1809

Christopher Orr and Martha McCann was married [illegible] of Jany 1820

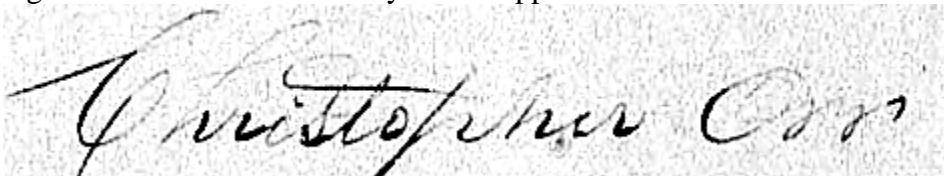
Jehu Orr was Stab'd by Uriah Sligh on the 12th day of February and died the 18th of March in 1827 by the wound

Francis Clinkscales deceased 12<sup>th</sup> Jany 1838

Hannah McCann Departed this life 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1802

Jane McCann Robt McCann's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife departed this life Jany 10<sup>th</sup> 1831

[p. 16: the above family record was authenticated by the affidavit of Christopher or dated August 27, 1852 given and Chickasaw County Mississippi

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Orr". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of South Carolina Anderson District: Personally came before me James L Orr a Notary Public & ex officio Magistrate for said District William F Clinkscales Esquire a citizen of high respectability who declares on oath that he was well acquainted with Jehu Orr a soldier of the

war of the Revolution. That he intermarried with the sister of this deponent Jane B. Clinkscales in the month of March 1793 this deponent believes the marriage was solemnized on the 7th day of the month. That this deponent remembers the date from the fact that he made his first trip to a market town in company with F B Clinkscales his father to Augusta Georgia to dispose of his previous crop of tobacco. That the trip was made in February 1793, and the marriage of the deponent's sister took place a few weeks after his return from Augusta.

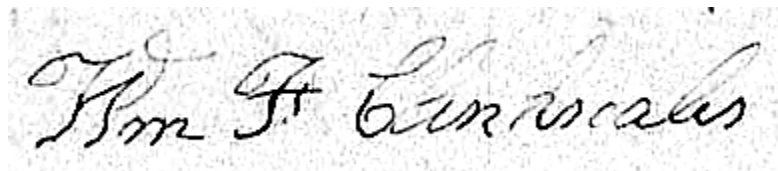
That Jehu Orr departed this life in March 1827 leaving his widow Jane B Orr surviving him. That she removed with her son in 1843 to the County of Chickasaw & State of Mississippi which he was still living and residing a few weeks since when this deponent last heard from her. That she has continued to remain a widow from the period of the death of her husband up to the present time.

This deponent further declares that there is no overall and South Carolina requiring any public record or license of marriage and no record of marriages are kept except private memorandum of the parties themselves. That the marriage was solemnized by one William Halbert Esquire between the said Jehu Orr & Jane B. Clinkscales at the time before specified, in the district of Pendleton (now Anderson since the district was divided) in the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th November 1852.

S/ James L. Orr, N.P.

S/ Wm F. Clinkscales

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm F. Clinkscales". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

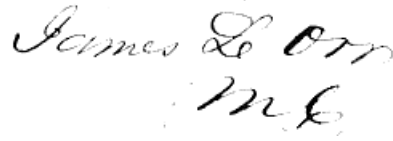
[p 5: The following statement is undated and bears no information concerning its purpose]  
Statement of J. L. Orr in the case of Jane B Orr widow of Jehu Orr, of Miss.

My grandfather Jehu Orr a native of North Carolina who emigrated from that state about 1785 to South Carolina died in Pendleton District in March 1827 and left surviving him my grandmother Jane B Orr who continued to reside at the old homestead until December 1843 when my father emigrated to the State of Miss. In the following year she also emigrated and is now living in that state or was some few days cents. I reside in the same vicinity where my grandfather lived & died and he has had the reputation of having been a revolutionary soldier since my first recollection.

In 1828 or 1829 my father, who is the only child my grandmother bore, had a tombstone erected over his grave and it was there inscribed, where all could see, among his virtues & services "that he had been a distinguished soldier in the war of the Revolution". I think it further stated that he was in the Cavalry or Mounted Militia, –

My father was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1794, he still survived. The marriage of my grandfather with Jane B Clinkscales now Jane B Orr the applicant took place I think in 1793. The last two dates I state from memory of the family record. I know of but two Revolutionary soldiers living in the District where my grandfather died & they were in the service one in Virginia the other in South Carolina & consequently no proof of his service can be made by them. My grandfather's service was done in North Carolina but the peculiarity of the name Jehu as well as Orr would require at your hands slight proof of identity. The Comptroller's Certificate being almost sufficient the facts stated in the foregoing from my own knowledge are true and those that I have stated upon information from others I believe to be true

S/ James L. Orr, M. C.

Handwritten signature of James L. Orr in cursive script.

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[Note: Several documents relating to this veteran have been misfiled and are included beginning at page 39 and ending at page 47 [and beginning again at page 69 and ending at page 71: and again at page 83] in the file of John Orr R16849. The page reference given below relates to the page number in the John Orr file.]

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I William J Clarke, Comptroller of public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military Services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Jehu Orr

Indent or Army Certificate No. 1333 issued by Auditors of Hillsboro District £9 S2specie

Ditto No. 1377 £13 S13 specie

Book No. 10 page 26 J. Orr £9 specie

Book G No. 18 page 58 J. Orr £8 S14 specie

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of Office this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1852

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptroller

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848 for the service of her husband as a private in the Dragoons.]