

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Jenkins W7894

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County of Pike } on this the fourth of December eighteen hundred and thirty two,  
personally appeared in open court before the Inferior Court of Pike County, now sitting, John Jenkins a resident of Pike County & state of Georgia, 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 benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the united states, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated; - that he volunteered under Captain Jesse Heard, in his Horse Company, in the month of March to the best of his recollection, and in the year 1780, - that at the time he entered the service, he resided in Henry County Virginia, that he volunteered, that he marched from Henry County Virginia, to Charlotte in North Carolina, where we joined Colonel Davys [sic: William Richardson Davie] of the light Horse, and James Rutherford was the Major of the Light Horse under Colonel Davy - volunteered for no particular time - was in the service from March 1780 untill Lord Cornwallis surrendered at YorkTown [19 Oct 1781]. From Charlotte North Carolina Marched to Henry County Virginia, from Henry County Virginia to Guilford in North Carolina From Guilford to Little york in Virginia — after he returned from Charlotte North Carolina to Henry County Virginia, he quited the Horse Company of Captain Jesse Heard, and joined Captain Swingfield Hills [sic: Swinfield Hill's] Company of Militia and then marched to Little York in virginia where the siege was commenced [28 Sep 1781], and where we were stationed untill Lord Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington — after the surrender of Cornwallis at YorkTown He was discharged by Captain Swingfield Hill; was in no engagement except the siege at York Town. He knew General Lafayette, and General [Henry] Knox and was well acquainted with Major [George] Waller who marched from Henry County Virginia with us — does not recollect the term or date exactly of his discharge - But it was sometime after the surrender of Cornwallis at york Town - that his discharge has long since been lost, and that he has no other evidence to substantiate his claim except the affidavit of his Brother James Jenkins, marked A. that he can procure - and that there is no documentary evidence in his possession relating to said service. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.  
[signed] John Jenkins

NOTE: On 14 Dec 1854 Mary Jenkins, 77, applied for a pension stating that as Mary Rutherford she married John Jenkins in Greene County GA on 28 Feb 1797, and he died 20 July 1847. She submitted a copy of her family record, as follows:

Sally B. Jenkins was born 2<sup>th</sup> Decr 1797

Polly W. Jenkins was born 16<sup>th</sup> of May 1801

Louisa Jenkins was born 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1803

Jesse Jenkins was born November 1<sup>th</sup> 1804

Francis A. Jenkins was born 17<sup>th</sup> of Novr. 1810

John R. Jenkins was born 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1813

Mahalah Jenkins was born 1<sup>th</sup> of Oct. 1815

Mary Star, 85, sister of John Jenkins, deposed in support of Mary Jenkins's application. Mary Jenkins's application for bounty land dated 23 May 1855 gives her age as 76 and place of residence as Barnesville GA.