

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Jennings (Jinnings) ¹ W7897 Hannah Jennings f81 NC/VA
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State of North Carolina, Buncombe County

On this 18th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, James Jennings a resident of Buncombe County State of North Carolina, aged 75 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in January in the year of our Lord 1777 in Prince Edward County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain John Moulton [John Morton] of the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Adam Stephens [Adam Stephen], in the line of the State on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said Company in the service of the United States until the term of his enlistment expired which was for two years & was discharged at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania, in January 1779 -- That he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], & Germantown [October 4, 1777], Trenton [December 26, 1776], & Princeton [January 3, 1777].

That he afterwards removed to the County of Surry in the State of North Carolina, & he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain James Shephed [Sheppard] for the term of five months marched into the State of Georgia & was at the battle at Greenbrier Creek [sic, Briar Creek, March 3, 1779], that he was born on the 14th February 1757 in Buckingham County State of Virginia, he has no record of his age, he lived there until the time of his enlistment in Prince Edward County, when he enlisted that after the revolutionary war he lived in the County of Surry in North Carolina until the year 1808, when he removed to Buncombe County in the same State where he has resided ever since & does now reside, that he first enlisted in Prince Edward County as before stated & afterwards volunteered in Surry County North Carolina. That he served in the 4th Regiment commanded by Colonel Stephens & was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Princeton, & Trenton that he did receive a discharge at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, that he it for a number of years but has lost it in some way, from among his papers. He is acquainted with John Anderson, Abner Jervis Esquire and the Reverend James B. McMahan by whom he is known in his present neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity & give their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, & that he has no means of proving his services except by his own oath & the affidavit of persons taken some time since

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who is now dead, & which affidavit is hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Jennings, X his mark

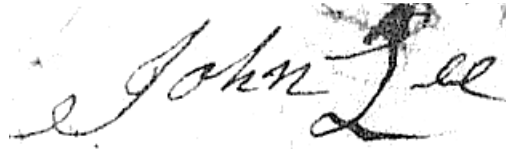
[p 29, James B. McMahan, a clergyman, and John Anderson, and Abner Jervis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Cocke County

I do hereby certify that I was in Captain John Morton's Company from Prince Edward County Virginia 4th Regiment as a private soldier in the old The revolutionary war in which company James Jennings served a Campaign for 2 years Service Given under my hand this 28th day of April 1831.

S/ John Lee²

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

[Attested by Samuel Jennings, JP in Cocke County, Tennessee. p 25: In an attestation as to the character of John Lee as a witness, it is stated that John Lee is a "respectable member of the Baptist Church."]

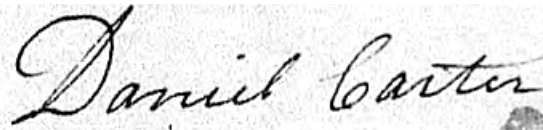
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State of North Carolina Buncombe County

Daniel Carter Swears that he has been acquainted with James Jennings for a number of years, that he was stricken with the palsy about 9 or 10 years ago & since that time his memory has been very frail & treacherous, that previous to his affliction he could & has given him minute & frequent details of his service, & the names of Officers much more full & satisfactory than he can now give, that he has always been reputed & upright & an honest citizen.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 18th day of October 1833

S/ Daniel Carter

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

[p 9, copy of marriage bond dated March 10, 1788, given by James Jennings and Andrew Martin, bondsmen, for the marriage of Jennings to Hannah Martin. The bond was posted in Surry County, NC]

[p 11: On December 16, 1841, Hannah Jennings filed a claim in Buncombe County, NC, for a widow's pension for the revolutionary services of her husband James Jennings; she states that

² Will Graves thinks it highly likely that this is the same John Lee whose widow Agnes filed for her pension under [John Lee W380](#). Agnes states in her application that her husband served from Buckingham County, Va and that he died March 11, 1832. Her application was filed in Cocke County, Tennessee on February 1, 1844.]

she married him in the spring of 1781 as she believes by one Wm. Meredith; that her husband died December 4, 1837 in Surry County, NC; her marriage to Jennings is proven by the affidavit of Jane McMickle of Monroe County, Ga. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: On June 21, 1841 in Monroe County Georgia, Jane McNuckle [could be McMickle] gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of James Jennings and Hannah his wife in Buncombe County North Carolina in 1781. She signed her affidavit with her mark

[Facts in file: In March 1855, Hannah Jennings was living in Yancey County, NC, was “92 years old Christmas last.”]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]