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Pension application of John Jenkins S31776

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State of Alabama, County Court of Limestone County

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Judge of said County Court in & for the County of Limestone in the State aforesaid, now sitting, John Jenkins a resident of said County aged 80 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein Stated -- That in the month of January 1776 he being then a resident of Craven County in the State of South Carolina, joined a Company of the militia of said state as a volunteer, said company was commanded by Captain Moses Bonas [sic, Bonds?] In the Regiment or part of the Regiment commanded by Major William Brown & that he was marched from said County under the command of General Simpson to a place on Robin's Creek in the Western part of said State, where they dispersed & captured some Tories, That he served only one month on this campaign, as an orderly Sergeant in said company of infantry & was discharged That on the first day of April 1776 he enlisted or volunteered in the Army of the United States for the term of 12 months in the Regiment of Rangers of the South Carolina Troops under the following named officers, Captain Richard Winn commanded the company in which he enlisted & one Lieut. Hart was [?] lieutenant, said company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Frederick Thompson Lieutenant Colonel __ Mason & Major __ Speers - - that on 28th April 1776 he was marched from Craven County the place where he enlisted as aforesaid to the Eutaw Springs where he joined his said Regiment & from thence he was marched to Sullivan's Island opposite Charleston where he was under the command of General Moultrie & was stationed there until the attack was made by the Enemy in June 1776 in which battle he was engaged -- that during the battle he was stationed on the East in of Sullivan's Island. That he remained a few weeks there after the battle & was afterwards stationed on the Congaree River the greater part of the term of his enlistment when after serving out the full Term of his enlistment, as a private, he received a written discharge signed by said Colonel Thompson, which he has long since lost it, -- That in September 1780 he joined the company of South Carolina militia commanded by Samuel Otterson¹ was marched by him in pursuit of several small parties of Tories, until affiant was taken prisoner & carried to the Camp of Colonel Ferguson by whom he was detained a prisoner six weeks & then made his escape that the time he served & the time he was a prisoner as aforesaid was in all, 10 months, as a private -- That immediately on his return, to which, in October 1780 he again joined the company commanded by said Otterson & marched for the high hills of Santee, where he was in a skirmish with the enemy & then marched with 150 picked men under Colonel Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon] to Orangeburg where they attacked the enemy & took 50 prisoners, British & Tories from thence he

¹ [Samuel Otterson S25344](#)

was marched to Black River from thence home again, that he served as private in this campaign three months in the Infantry on the first of April 1781 he again was marched in the Company commanded by Philip Anderson as Captain in the Regiment commanded by Colonels Brandon & Fore [sic, Farr?] & Major Otterson & shortly afterwards joined the Army under General Greene at Ninety Six, where they were beaten back by the enemy & retreated to Enoree River, where he was discharged & only served one month on this campaign -- That during the war his home was plundered the enemy took from him five head of horses his cattle & hogs & left him impoverished -- That he served as a private as aforesaid might team months, as a footman That he was born in Loudoun County State of Virginia the 18th day of January 1753 that he ascertained his age from a registry of the same made by his father in a book That after the revolutionary war he continued in said County of Craven until he removed to Franklin County State of Georgia some time in said State until he removed to Limestone County State of Alabama in 1823 [could be 1829] where he has ever since resided & still resides -- That he has no documentary evidence of his said service having lost the only written discharge ever received by him -- That he knows of no person by whom he can prove his said Services, that he once transmitted to the war Department the affidavit of Jeremiah Jaggars² who is now dead, proving his said service, which affidavit he has not seen since -- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Test: S/ Robert Austin, Jr., Clk

S/ John Jenkins

[John Faver, a ~~clergyman~~ & John N. Baird gave the standard supporting affidavit

² [Jeremiah Jaggars R5544A](#)