

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Jeter S21840

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South Carolina, Union District: To Wit

On this sixth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of Common Pleas & Sessions now Sitting for said District James Jeter a Resident of Union District 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 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as hereinafter named; -- I entered under Captain David Hopkins, in the year which I cannot recollect -- In Chester District South Carolina, march[ed] then and joined Colonel William Thomson below Granby -- & then marched to the Eutaw & then returned back & remained a short time, then was sent to Florida under the command of Captain Richard Winn Lieutenant William Caldwell & Oliver Toles [Oliver Towles], on the St. Tillas River [sic, Satilla River] where I was taken prisoner [at Fort McIntosh] by the British, Tories, & Indians, I was then paroled & returned home, I afterwards in the year 1780 or 1781, joined Colonel Brandon [Thomas Brandon] & Colonel William Farr as a volunteer and after several Tours went to Buck Head & besieged it and did not take it, then marched against a Fort at Orangeburg which was carried -- marched then to Dorchester under Colonel Brandon & Colonel Hampton Then returned by the Round O then returned Home & remained a little time -- then marched to Ninety Six under Captain Trammell & joined General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781], then returned under Colonel Farr home -- remained at home a few days & marched to the Cherokee nation under Captain Otterson [Samuel Otterson] -- Had a skirmish with the enemy's & then returned home -- I again marched to Orangeburg under Captain John Thomson & kept a Garrison -- the time out on the last Tours of duty cannot recollect -- returned home again & and a short time marched to Jacksonburgh [sic, Jacksonborough], under Colonel Brandon -- then marched to Pocotaligo & Combee [Combahee?] -- under Lieutenant Hamilton Then was sent with an express to Colonel Brandon to Union District -- I was afterwards out under Captain George Avery¹ & other officers, and severe Scouts afterwards went to Fairfield under Captain Thomas Baker -- was then out on various other duties until the close of the war sometime in the__

I have no documentary evidence of my Services and can only refer to Major Thomas Young & Major Jos McJunkin to prove my Service

To the Interrogatories propounded by the Court I answer 1 &2 I was born in the year

¹ Bobby Moss in his *South Carolina Roster* suggests that this may be Capt. George Aubrey.

1759 in Virginia Amelia County and have a record of my age at home 3rd in Chester District & have continued to live in Union ever since the revolution —4. I enlisted first afterwards volunteered

5 I have stated within

6 never received a discharge nor held a commission

7th I refer to the Reverend John Jennings & Major Thomas Young to prove my character for truth & moral deportment I do hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jno B. O'Neill, Pres. Judge

S/ James Jeter

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

[John Jennings, a clergyman, and Major Thomas Young gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, Union District

Captain James Jeter came personally before me and deposed as follows in order to Explain & make more explicit his declaration for an Application for a pension under the Act of June 7th 1832 Saith as follows That during the Revolutionary War he enlisted under Captain David Hopkins in defense of his Country against the British Tories & Indians -- the year he cannot recollect -- was out until taken a prisoner & paroled six months, I again Joined the service in behalf of my Country as above Stated under Colonel Brandon & Farr in the [year] 1780 or 1781, as a volunteer during which time I was out three months & believe more until I returned home by the Round O. I then went to joined General Greene at the Siege of Ninety Six & was out one month or more -- I then marched to the Cherokee Nation under Captain Otterson was out at least two weeks -- again out under Captain John Thomson kept a Garrison at Orangeburg out this time one month at least I again served another Tour of duty of one month under Colonel Brandon, again under Captain Avery one week & believe more, was out again under Captain Thomas Baker seven weeks was out again in various other tours until the Close of the war not less than four months -- I also Served one Tour of Duty at Perkins [?] Mills on Saluda under Lieutenant William Franklin of one month, which is not mentioned [in] my declaration. -- this deponent further states that from the different Tours of duty as set forth is fully impressed with the belief that he did served in all more than 19 months & a half but certain that length of time -- this deponent further states that considerable of the Services this deponent has forgotten from the great length of time -- and this deponent further states that when taken prisoner he lost his horse gun & saddle &c all of which he has never got any pay for.

Kept sworn to & subscribed before me the 11 May 1833

S/ James Jeter

S/ Wm Shelton, JP

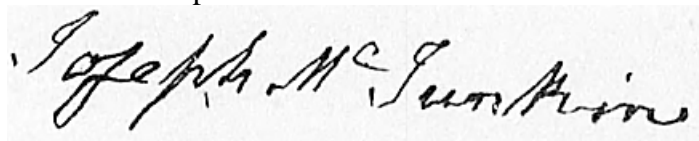
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South Carolina Union District

Personally appeared before me Major Joseph McJunkin² and deposed that he was well acquainted with James Jeter -- during the Revolutionary War, that he believes that James Jeter enlisted under Captain David Hopkins who afterwards was Colonel, and that said Jeter was under Colonel W. Thomson of the Rangers -- and at the fall of Charleston this deponent believes said Jeter was taken a prisoner, and in consequence of his parole was kept out of the Service for some time -- and when the parole was out the said Jeter Rejoined the service & continued until the close of the war. That Mr. Jas. Jeter is a respectable good Citizen and of good veracity. Sworn to & Subscribed before me 25 September 1832.

S/ J. Rogers, Clk

S/ Joseph McJunkin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph McJunkin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

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State of South Carolina, Union District

Captain James Jeter came personally before me and deposed that when he enlisted under Captain David Hopkins and out on his first Service he served six months before he was taken prisoner and was then paroled after having Served six months -- and then served as out -- set out in his last affidavit -- from the length of time & the great loss of memory cannot recollect the precise dates.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 9 September 1833

S/ James Jeter

S/ William Mitchell, JQ

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months and 3 days in the South Carolina Continental line and militia.]

² [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)