



## Jacob Stallings

1761 – 1811

## North Carolina

Jacob Stallings was born about 1761 in Johnston County, North Carolina. He was the son of James Stallings and Cornelia (Avera ?). In the will of James Stallings probated in 1786 there were eight children listed four males and four females. The brothers of Jacob, namely, Zadok, Ezekiel, and Isaac all served in the Johnston County, NC Militia at one time or the other. Jacob served as Lieutenant in 1781 and Zadok had served as Ensign at one time.

In 1836 Holliday Hethcock, a free black man, who had served in the same unit petitioned for a pension due to that service. In his pension application Hethcock named the officers under whom he had served, Captain Jonathan Smith, Lieutenant Jacob Stallings and Ensign Alexander Avery. Hethcock stated that he had volunteered, for three months, in June of 1781 at Smithfield NC, the county seat of Johnston County.

Hethcock also described one of marches conducted by the militia. "we were marched to Dixon's (Dickson's) Ford on the Tar River in the county of Granville, thence to Franklin County, thence to (Viverils Mill) Edgecomb Co. thence to Smithfield, thence to Kinston (Dobbs County), thence across the River Neuse to Southwest Bridge, thence up again to Smithfield, thence down the river to Major Croo???'s where our time being up we was discharged."

In 1797 Jacob purchased property in Columbia County, GA where he resided with his family until his death in 1811. His burial site is unknown. Possibly was covered when the Strom Thurmond Lake aka Clarks Hill Reservoir was formed by the US Army Corp of Engineers between 1946-1954.

NOTE: On 16 August 1781, near Kinston, NC, there was an encounter between North Carolina Militia under the command of Maj. Gen. Richard Caswell and British Regulars / Loyalist forces under the command of Major James H. Craig. There were no casualties reported for either side.