

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jenkins S31774

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State of Alabama, Jackson County

On this 14th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the County Court William Jenkins, a resident of said State and County, and the 71st year of his age, 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 volunteered with Captain Thomas Jenkins and entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers, Col. William Bratton & Captain Thomas Jenkins, thinks it was in the Spring of 1780, that he volunteered; he then resided in York County South Carolina, the Army embodied on the East side of the Catawba River, from where he lived – And on the first evening after he arrived at the camps he was appointed a Sergeant. In a short time they were informed, that about one hundred & fifty Tories, and about thirty Dragoons of the British Army, had assembled near the residence of Colonel William Bratton, that Colonel Bratton & Captain Jenkins with about 100 men, him being one of that number, Started & traveled all night and about day discovered the main guard & fired upon them who retreated, they advanced to the mouth of a Lane, where an engagement took place with the dragoons, in which one of them, to wit Captain Hook [sic, Christian Huck] was killed,¹ the balance then fled – he sometime after this engagement Joined the Army under the Command of General ~~Rutherford~~ Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], was not engaged in any other battle during that campaign. After he had served something like two or three months, his uncle Thomas Jenkins (who was his Captain), himself, John Henry, James Meeks & Ezekiel Eandloe [sic, Enloe?], went back to the neighborhood in which they lived, (apprehending no immediate danger) to ascertain how many they could get to Join the Army, & stayed all night, and about day light they were attacked by about twenty-five Tories – who took them prisoners, and conveyed them to ninety six Jail, then in the possession of the British – he was then confined in close Jail for about five Weeks – he was in delicate health & remained at home for some time now not recollected – but during that time, he was occasionally engaged with other Whigs, against scouting parties of Tories. He was then appointed Lieutenant, and procured a Company of men, there being no Captain, he marched them to Orangeburg, and served two three-months tours as a Lieutenant. He was then promoted to a Captain, and served as Captain one three-months tour, still remaining at Orangeburg from there he went home. And was engaged in scouting parties after the Tories – but did not enter the Regular Army anymore. His commission as Lieutenant is hereto annexed, but his Commission as Captain, has been, & now is lost. He believes he served as a Sergeant seven months not less

¹ Huck was killed July 12, 1780 at Williamson's Plantation, SC.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

than six, he never received any discharge. 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.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & date above.

S/ William Jenkins



S/ R. B. Clayton, JJCC

Questions by the Court

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Maryland on Clear Creek but do not know what County – I was born in the year 1762 --

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

I have a record of my age, which I took from my Father's record.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I was living in South Carolina York County – when called into service, I have lived since the Revolution in the York, until the War was over, & about 10 years afterwards, In Pendleton District S. C. about 20 years, In Rutherford County Tennessee, about one year & in Franklin County Tennessee, something like seven or eight years. I then came to Jackson County Alabama, where I have lived ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

I was a volunteer.

[5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.]

The names of the Officers under whom I served & the Circumstances of my services are stated correctly in the above Declaration, as well as I can now recollect.

6th Did you ever receive a commission; and if so by whom was it signed; and what has become of it?

I received a Lieutenant's Commission which is hereto annexed, and also a Captain's Commission which was signed by Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge], I believe, though I am not certain – I have lost it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

I am known by James Doren, Sr. & James Doren, Jr., Thomas Russell, James Russell, James Soller [?], James Kisier, Jr., Will D. Gains & others all of whom can testify to my character for veracity &c.f

[James and Thomas Russell & Silas Parsons gave the standard supporting affidavits.]

[p 15: On January 24, 1838 in Pike County Arkansas, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Arkansas agency having moved there to spend the remaining days of his life with his son (not named).]

[file (p. 18 of Fold3.com version) contains a printed form of a commission with the blanks filled in to appoint Jenkins as a lieutenant in the SC militia—signed by J. Rutledge [John Rutledge,

Governor of the State of South Carolina].]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$170 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service for 6 months as a Sergeant, for 6 months as a Lieutenant, and for 3 months as a Captain in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to William Jenkins pp9
Audited Account No. 4012B³

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[p 2 of AA 4012B]

[Book] Z [No. 184

[No.] 185

Estate of Captain Thomas Jenkins & Mr. William Jenkins their Accounts of Militia duty
as Horsemen Charged

[old South Carolina] Currency £722

Add 100

Thomas Jenkins £822 Currency

William Jenkins or

£117.8.6 ³/₄ 117.8.6 ³/₄ Sterling

N: B: 2 Guns & 2 Saddles included in the above amount

(Turn Over)

No Certificate

No Dates when the Duties were Performed

Ex^d. J.H.S. [Examined by J. H. S. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[Over]

Pass T. Jenkins £90

W. Jenkins 16.11.6

£106.11.6

S/ EL [Edward Lightwood]

State of So Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to William Jenkins and Thomas Jenkins for public losses

to one saddle lost by me Thomas Jenkins

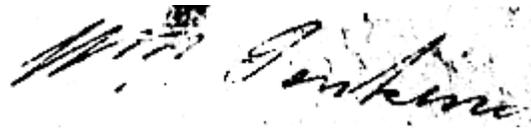
to one saddle Lost by me William Jenkins

Personally appeared William Jenkins & made oath that he thinks the above named saddles is
worth 24 pounds

Sworn before me this 30 Day of April 1783

[illegible] JP

S/ Wm Jenkins



² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

³ Some of the documents transcribed below also appear as pp 42-48 in SC AA4021.5 relating to Samuel Jenkins.

[p 3]

State of So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Captain Thomas Jenkins & his Company as horsemen in Col. William Bratton's Regiment & Genl. Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] brigade & entered into service the 11th of June in the year 1780

Thomas Jenkins Capt	180	Days at £3	10s per day	£530
William Jenkins prit. [Private]	116	Days at 10/	Per day Add on 1 st Charge £106.11.5	116 <u>100</u> £746 Currency

State of So. Carolina

Camden District} Personally Appeared Captain William Jenkins & made Oath that the above Accounts as they Stand Stated for his Uncle Captain Thomas Jenkins Deceased & himself are Justly Due from the Publick

Sworn Before me this 30th June 1783

S/ Joseph Palmer, JP

S/ Wm Jenkins Capt.

				746
			2 Guns	52
			2 Saddles	<u>24</u>
				£822 Currency
		Lost by Thomas Jenkins on the public Service		£117.8.6 ¾ Stg.

State of So Carolina

Camden District} personally appeared before me William Jenkins & [undeciphered word or words] and made oath that the [they] think those above mentioned guns is worth fifty two pound

S/ Wm Bratton, JP

S/ Wm Jenkins

S/ [undeciphered signature, perhaps Joseph Willson]

June ye 11 1780 State of South Carolina Dr. [debtor] to Thomas Jenkins Captain

for 180 days at £3.10 per day 530.0.0

for two guns & one saddle 64.0.0

add error in [undeciphered] 100

£690

[South Carolina Audited Account No. 4033 for William Jenkins]

[p 2]

[Book Z No. 514 24 May 1785]

Mr. William Jenkins his Account of Militia Duty in 1781 & 1782

Charged £353.15

Deduct as within 128

[old SC] Currency £225.15

Stg £32.5

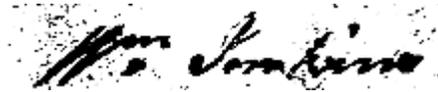
N: B: the above account included in to Pay Bills in his name
Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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		£	S	d
June ye 11	State of So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to William Jenkins for 116 days at £1 per day	116	0	0
	For one saddle	12	0	0
		£128		
For this a Pay Bill in his name	69 days as Lieutenant at £1.15	120	15	0
For this Ditto	35 days as Captain at £3 per day	105	0	0
		353	15	0
	Deduct 116 days Duty & one Saddle charged in another Account	128		
		£225	15	0
	Stg	42	5	

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Received 24 May 1785 full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 514 Book Q
S/ Wm Jenkins



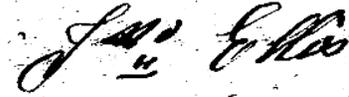
[5]

So. Carolina

York County} To the gentleman of the office for granting Indents this my order request the favor
of you to send me by the bearer Captain William Jenkins my Indents answerable [?] to my
Returns Interest with Capt. [undeciphered word or words] to your office and this my order shall
be your Receipt giving under my hand this 20th day of May 1788

S/ Jos. Willson, JP

S/ Jno. Ellis [John Ellis]



Wm Jenkins 15

Thos. Jenkins 15

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The State of South Carolina

To William Jenkins

Dr.

To 116 days Duty as Horseman from the 11th of
June to the 4th day of October 1780 both days
included in Capt. Thomas Jenkins Company
at 20/ per day

£116

Stg. £16.11.6

I do Certify that the above Duty was performed by said William Jenkins under my Command
February 19th, 1787
S/ Wm Bratton Colo.

W Beaton Cole

[p 7]

Received 30 May 88 full Satisfaction for my Account in an Indent 184 Z
S/ Wm Jenkins

Recd 30 May 88 full Satisfaction for my Account in an Indent 184 Z
Wm Jenkins