

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Jenkins R5573

Mary Ann

f45VA

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The state of Virginia County of Frederick: to wit

On this 30th day of April 1855 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the State and County above mentioned, Adam Jenkins, aged sixty years a resident of Frederick County in the State of Virginia who being duly sworn according to law declares that he believes himself to be the only son or child of Edward Jenkins Senior deceased now living that his father the said Edward Jenkins Senior served during the war of the Revolution for the term of three years of which service he has often heard him speak, that he entered in Frederick County Virginia sometime in the year 1776 and was attached to probably the ___ Regiment of Virginia troops on Continental establishment where he continued to serve for the time of three years: the date, nature & term of the service he has often when a boy heard him speak of:

That the said Edward Jenkins was married just before he enlisted as aforesaid as must be evident from the proof here with file: the marriage record only goes back to 1780, the return of said marriage is not found in the Clerk's office, but the proof with the Copy of the will herewith filed, in which she is recognized as his legal wife is sufficient proof of marriage: that his father the said Edward Jenkins died on or about the ___ day of __ 18__, leaving a widow with a family and almost complete destitution, for although it appears from the will he had some property at his death, yet his debts swept it all off and for many years they all struggled with poverty and affliction, until at last about the year 1841 his mother Mary Ann Jenkins came down with age and infirmity and affliction, then nearly 90 years old was forced to seek refuge from almost starvation in the poor house of Frederick County, where she lived about 18 months or 2 years when she died.

That his mother survived until 1843 and at the time of her death was entitled to a pension from the 4th of March 1831 under the Act passed on the ___ day of __, 18__, because the marriage took place before the expiration of the last period of his service: this back pension to which she was entitled to before her death he now claims –

That he is to the best of his knowledge the only living child of Edward Jenkins Senior & Mary Ann his wife. That the only brother about whose death he is uncertain is Edward Jenkins who if living is in Illinois: that he has not heard from him from many years, and if living must be 76 or 77 years of age, that he is himself the youngest child & is now sixty years of age: that he is a very poor man, and had it not been for the assistance of his sons should have been a charge upon the County, that he has a family consisting of a wife & for children & he finds with the combined efforts of his sons who are able to assist him the greatest difficulty in procuring the

commonest necessities of life.

That he thinks himself justly entitled to the back pension his mother might have drawn & hopes the Commissioner well grant him the pay from the 4th of March 1831 to the time of his mother's death.

S/ Adam Jenkins, X his mark

Attest S/ John P McNabb

S/ William Hines

[p 10: On February 19, 1856 in Frederick County Virginia, Thornton Good, 61, gave testimony that he was acquainted with Edward Jenkins deceased and his wife Mary Ann Jenkins; that Stephen Jenkins who died some years ago and was the eldest son of the veteran and his wife and was already a married man when the affiant was 6 or 7 years old and would be more than 80 years old were he still alive; that Edward and Mary Ann Jenkins raised a large family of children; that it was never doubted that they were legally married; that affiant often heard Edward Jenkins and the affiant's father William A. Good talking about their services during the revolutionary war; that affiant's father was in the southern Army and Edward Jenkins in the northern Army; that he recalls Jenkins talking about the battles in the North in which he was engaged in that he spent some time on Long Island; "that he well recollects an anecdote about him & old General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], while though he did not hear [it] himself was the report of the neighborhood & heard those who had witnessed the same speak of it & from their reputation for veracity cannot doubt the truth of it. That directly after the War General Morgan was a candidate for Congress in this district and went to old Edward Jenkins to get him to vote for him, that in reply old Jenkins told him 'he would if he paid him for the blanket he stole from him on Long Island' that Morgan got off his horse to whip him telling him it was a lie, that the son of a b__h had stolen it from him & he had only taken it back, that they had a chase, both being swift of foot, but Jenkins beat him...."]¹

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Edward Jenkins is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a private of the Continental Line for three years service

Council Chamber

January 21st 1799

S/ James Wood

S/ Samuel Coleman

A Warrant No. 4881 for 100 acres issued on to said Edward Jenkins on the 22nd January 1799, and delivered to John Tucker

¹ MORGAN, Daniel, a Representative from Virginia; born near Junction, Hunterdon County, N.J., in 1736; moved to Charles Town, Va. (now West Virginia), in 1754; served with the Colonial forces during the French and Indian War; during the Revolution was commissioned captain of a company of Virginia riflemen in July 1775; was taken prisoner at Quebec December 31, 1775; became colonel of the Eleventh Virginia Regiment November 12, 1776 (designated the Seventh Virginia Regiment September 14, 1778); brigadier general in the Continental Army October 30, 1780; at the close of the war retired to his estate, known as "Saratoga," near Winchester, Va.; commanded the Virginia Militia ordered out by President Washington in 1794 to suppress the Whisky Insurrection in Pennsylvania; was an unsuccessful Federalist candidate for election to the Fourth Congress; elected as a Federalist to the Fifth Congress (March 4, 1797-March 3, 1799); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1798 on account of ill health; died in Winchester, Va., on July 6, 1802; interment in Mount Hebron Cemetery.

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Virginia Land Office Richmond April 5th, 1855

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a copy from the Records of this office.

S/ S. H. Parker, Register Land Office

[p 16: Affidavit dated March 5th, 1856 given in Frederick County Virginia by Matthew Rust, 78, of Clark County formally a part of Frederick County in which the affiant gives testimony of having had many conversations with Edward Jenkins regarding his services in the revolutionary war; that he, the affiant, was an Ensign in the War of 1812 under the command of Captain James Lowry.

Matthew Rust
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[p 17: Affidavit dated March 29, 1856 given in Frederick County Virginia by George Lowry, 74, who states that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that they was never any doubt that they were legally married; that their oldest child Stephen must now be at least 80 years old if he were still living; that Edward Jenkins died some 30 or 40 years ago leaving a widow who has never remarried.]

[Note: The following document may or may not relate to the above veteran.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that Edward Jenkins Enlisted in the Legionary Corps commanded by Colonel Armand [Charles Armand, Marquis de la Rouerie] for three years as a soldier and that he served in the said Corps until the late Revolutionary Army was disbanded that he was duly and Regularly discharged at York Town Pennsylvania at the close of the War, that he was at the time of his Enlisting a citizen of the State of Virginia. Given under my hand this 22nd day of December 1798

S/ Henry Bedinger, Late
Captain 5th Virginia Regiment

I do Certify that Edward Jenkins Enlisted in the Legionary Corps Commanded by Col. Armand for three years ^{as a Soldier} and that he served in the said Corps until the late Revolutionary Army was disbanded that he was duly and Regularly discharged at York Town Pennsylvania at the close of the War, that he was at the time of his Enlisting a citizen of the State of Virginia. Given under my hand this Twenty second day of December 1798.

Henry Bedinger Late
Capt 5th Virginia Regiment