

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jenkins W2944

Keziah Jenkins

f79VA

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State of Kentucky

On this 16 day of March 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the circuit Court of said State personally appeared William Jenkins aged about fifty-three years as he believes resident in Harrison County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn by me according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the US in the Revolutionary War" – That he the said Jenkins enlisted in Orange County State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Garland Burley in the ___ Regiment of the guard commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor shortly after General Burgoyne's defeat in the year 1777, as well as he now can recollect. That he continued to serve in the said Corps and guarding Prisoners &c for about three years & perhaps a little better, when he was discharged from Service in Winchester Virginia & that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that the only evidence he can now introduce is that hereto attached.

S/ William Jenkins, X his mark

Kentucky Fayette Circuit

I do state on oath that I am acquainted with the within named William Jenkins and no he served in the Revolutionary war, for about three years and a regular Regiment as stated by him, as I was in the same Regiment –

March 13th 1819

S/ James Clark, X his mark

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The State of Kentucky Harrison County Court 1821

The Following Statement & Schedule was produced & sworn to in open Court & ordered to be made a part of the record in the words & figures following to wit

State of Kentucky Harrison County Sct.

On this 9th day of April 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County & having power to fine & in prison for contempt William Jenkins aged 55 years resident in Harrison County in said State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary Wars as follows he enlisted in Orange County Virginia under Captain Burley in Colonel Taylor's Regiment number not recollected in

the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment in the year 17__ before Cornwallis was taken to serve three years, he believes he remained in service 3 years & better at or near Albemarle Guarding prisoners when he was discharged by Colonel Taylor the number of his pension Certificate is 13705 & I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, one Cow & Calf, thirteen head of hogs & pigs, one Mare, Kitchen furniture & house furniture 5 or 6 barrels of corn, Farming utensils & Poultry. I owe about twenty or twenty-five dollars & have owing to me about four dollars my Occupation is a farming on rented land my family consist of my wife aged about 53 years & three children living with me Cynthia aged about 16, Elijah aged about 15 years & Elisha aged of the same within a few hours I am not very able to work owing to an injury sometime since received.

S/ William Jenkins, X his mark

[The court valued the schedule of property at \$74.81 ½]

[p 16: On November 12, 1838 in Fayette County Kentucky, Keziah Jenkins, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Jenkins, a revolutionary war pensioner at the time of his death; that she married him in the month of December she believes in the year 1783; she knows the marriage took place in the month of December after her husband's return from service in the Army [p 18]; that her husband died July 17, 1830; that she knows of no record of her birth or marriage but recollects she was near 18 years old when she married William Jenkins. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: On October 30, 1838 in the office of Colonel Francis McClear in Lexington, Kentucky, Murwood Jenkins of Fayette County, aged 68, gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of William and Kisiah Quin in Spotsylvania County Virginia by a Baptist preacher by the name of William Dawson in the month of December after the termination of the revolutionary war. The witness signed his application with his mark.]

[p 21: court order dated April 18, 1854 given in Fayette County Kentucky finding that Keziah Jenkins the widow of Williams Jenkins departed this life December 15, 1852 at which time she was a pensioner of the United States; that Sally Jenkins, Elisha Jenkins, Susan Stinnett and Nancy Adams are her only surviving children at the time of her death; that Nancy Adams has died since the death of her mother.]

[facts in file: The widow's maiden name was Keziah Quin [also spelled Kisiah Quin]; that in addition to the children named above, the veteran and his wife also had the following children:
Fanny Jenkins who married an Eve
Peggy Jenkins who married a Davis
Polly Jenkins who married a Moore
Elizabeth Jenkins who married a George

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 16, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum.