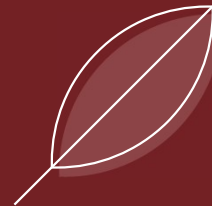


JACOB SKILLEN



WHAT IS THE USCT?

- The United States Colored Troops (USCT) was organized to integrate African Americans into the United States Army
- In Pulaski, there were two regiments that were created, the 110th and the 111th
- They were organized in late 1863 to early 1864
- Both regiments were tasked with guarding the Nashville Decatur railroad and other tasks
- Both regiments were also present when Nathan Bedford Forrest and his company attacked at many points on the railroad

WHAT WAS HIS LIFE LIKE BEFORE THE USCT?

- Jacob Skillen was a slave before the Civil War
- It is unknown which family owned him before the war

<i>S</i>	111	U.S.C.T.
<i>Jacob Skillen</i>		
....., Co. <i>F</i> , 111 Reg't U. S. Col'd Inf.		
Appears on		
Company Descriptive Book		
of the organization named above.		
DESCRIPTION.		
Age	<i>19</i>	years; height <i>5</i> feet <i>8 1/2</i> inches.
Complexion	<i>Black</i>	
Eyes	<i>Black</i>	; hair <i>Black</i>
Where born	<i>Giles Co, Tenn</i>	
Occupation	<i>Slave</i>	
ENLISTMENT.		
When	<i>Jan'y 6</i>	, 186 <i>4</i> .
Where	<i>Pulaski</i>	
By whom	<i>St. Brown</i>	; term <i>3</i> y'rs.
Remarks:		

WHAT DID HE DO IN THE USCT?

<p><i>S</i> <i>111</i> U.S.C.T.</p> <p><i>Jacob Skillen</i> <i>(3 days 20)</i> <i>Priv.</i>, Co. <i>H</i>, <i>111</i> Reg't U. S. Col'd Inf.</p> <p>Appears on</p> <p>Descriptive List of Deserters</p> <p>dated <i>Mar 31</i>, 186<i>4</i>.</p> <hr/> <p>Deserted:</p> <p>When <i>Mar 26</i>, 186<i>4</i>.</p> <p>Where <i>Tunnel Hill Tenn</i></p> <hr/> <p>Arrested:</p> <p>When _____, 186<i>4</i>.</p>	<p><i>S</i> <i>111</i> U.S.C.T.</p> <p><i>Jacob Skillen</i> <i>Priv.</i>, Co. <i>H</i>, <i>3</i> Reg't Ala. Inf., A. D.†</p> <p>Appears on</p> <p>Company Muster Roll</p> <p>for <i>March & April</i>, 186<i>4</i> ✗ <i>4</i></p> <hr/> <p>Joined for duty and enrolled:</p> <p>When <i>Jan. 6</i>, 186<i>4</i> ✗ <i>4</i></p> <p>Where <i>Pulasky Tenn</i></p> <p>Period <i>3</i> years.*</p> <hr/> <p>Present or absent <i>Absent</i></p> <p>Stoppage \$ <i>100</i> for _____</p>
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- Jacob Skillen enlisted at the age of 19 on January 6th, 1864
- For the month of February, he was present
- On the 31st of March he was added to the list of deserters
- He deserted on March 21st at Tunnel Hill, Tennessee
- He was apprehended on April 13th and in prison till December of 1864

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN HE SERVED?

- Jacob Skillen was at the battle at Sulfur Trestle in Alabama
- He was taken as a prisoner of war on September 25th
- Most soldiers that were a part of the USCT and were prisoners of war were treated very harshly and made to do the jobs of the slaves that had left the Confederate lands
- He was not returned until June 18th, 1865

S | 111 | U.S.C.T.

Jacob Skillen
Plt., Co. F, 111 Reg't U. S. Col'd Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll
 for *May & June*, 1864

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When *July 6*, 1864

Where *Pulaski Tenn.*

Period *3* years.*

Present or absent *Present*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for

Due Gov't \$ *100* for

Remarks: *Returned from capture June 18, 65.*

S | 111 | U.S.C.T.

Jacob Skillen
Plt., Co. F, 111 Reg't U. S. Col'd Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll
 for *Aug. 31" to Dec. 31", 1864.*

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When *Jan. 6*, 1864

Where *Pulaski Tenn.*

Period *3* years.*

Present or absent *Absent*

Stoppage, \$ *100* for

Due Gov't \$ *100* for

Remarks: *Taken prisoner at Sulfur Trestle, Ala. Sept. 25, 1864.*

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN HE DIED?

- He died in September of 1867
- He was about 24 when he died
- His mother Martha Rhodes filed for his pension on September 22, 1885
- His gravestone was contracted to be built on June 9, 1888

Skillen, Jacob
 Co. *F* 111th Regt.
USCT.
 Cemetery *Civil*
 at *Pulaski*
Giles Co. Tenn.
 Grave _____
 Date of death: *Sept 1867*
 Headstone supplied by _____
 _____ Gross Brothers,
 _____ Lo. Mass.,
 Contract dated June 9, 1888.

(3-11-5)

NAME OF SOLDIER:	<i>Skillen, Jacob</i>			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	<i>Widow,</i>			
	<i>Minor,</i>			
	<i>Mother</i>	<i>Rhodes, Martha</i>		
SERVICE:	<i>F 111 U.S.C. Inf.</i>			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
	<i>Invalid,</i>			
	<i>Widow,</i>			
	<i>Minor,</i>			
<i>1885, Sept 22</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>351078</i>		<i>Tenn.</i>
ATTORNEY:				
<i>J. C. [unclear]</i>				

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20	24	McBord S. H.	M	M 44	Husband	1	Manfr look goods				Denn	Denn	Denn
		McBord Maggie E	F	Jr 41	Wife	1	Keeping House				Alex	Denn	Silo
		McBord Mattie E	F	Jr 19	Daughter	1					Denn	Jrlo	Denn
		McBord Ham E	M	M 17	Son	1	Printer				Denn	Alex	Denn
		McBord Frank E	M	M 14	Son	1	at School			1	Denn	Denn	Denn
		McBord Maggie M	F	Jr 13	Daughter	1	at School			1	Denny	Denn	Denn
		McBord Lillie Son	M	Jr 10	Daughter	1	" "			1	Denn	Denn	Denn
		McBord Sel	F	M 7	Son	1	" "			1	Denn	Denn	Denn
		McBord Eliza Id	F	Jr 1	Daughter	1	" "			1	Denn	Denn	Denn
		Shapard Son M	M	Jr 33	Sister in law	1					Denn	Jrlo	Denn
		Shapard Lillie E	F	Jr 30	" " "	1	School Teacher				Denn	Jrlo	Denn
		Rodes Martha	B	Jr 26	Servant	1	look			1	Mrs	see above	see above

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