

Moses Jenkins (1825-1891) - Biographical notes

Baptisms database

Day Month 05-Apr
Year 1825
Parish Circuit Or Chapel North Hill
Forename Moses
Surname JINKING
Age Or Date Of Birth
Father Forename Charles
Mother Forename Ann
Residence Congdons Shop
Status Or Occupation publican
Notes privately (probably sickly at birth and not expected to survive)

1841 census - Treswell, North Hill

William Foot,70,,Farmer,In county,
„Honour Foot,,60,,In county,
„Nicholas Foot,40,,,In county,
„John Foot,20,,,In county,
„Mary Foot,,20,,In county,
„Mary Martin,,15,Female Servant,In county,
„Moses Jenkin,15,,Male Servant,In county, (transcribed as Tonkin)
„William Weeks,15,,Male Servant,In county,

Service in the Royal Navy - see The National Archives' reference ADM 139/227/22603 and ADM 139/662/26150 and ADM 188/5/40106

ADM 139/227/22603

HMS San Josef, captured Spanish vessel used as a gunnery training ship at Devonport and as a guard for Plymouth

** 16 Nov 1841 to 9 Apr 1842 = 145 days not counted towards service; Boy 1st Class; character - good

.. Boy 1st class - a boy aged 16 to 18 under training, who had previously served for between 9 months and 18 months rated as "boy 2nd class", shown sufficient proficiency in seamanship and accumulated at least one good conduct badge (the requirements varied between training ships). His rate of pay was increased on being promoted. Service as a boy did not count towards a naval pension

.. previous service as a Boy 2nd Class is not recorded

.. earliest entry gives an age of 16 years; records are incorrectly based upon a birth date of 20 Apr 1825

HMS Agincourt, 74 gun third rate ship of the line;from 1842 to 1847 the ship was stationed in the East Indies spending time in and around China, The Phillipines, India and Malaya; she returned to Portsmouth in August 1847

** 10 Apr 1842 to 19 Apr 1843 = 1 year 10 days not counted towards service; Boy 1st Class

** 20 Apr 1843 to 3 Nov 1843 = 198 days; Ordinary Seaman

** 4 Nov 1843 to 6 Sept 1847 = 3 years 308 days; Ordinary Seaman; character - good; paid off with service of 4 years 141 days

** 7 Sep 1847 to 31 Mar 1848 - out of service

HMS Bellerophon, 80 gun third rate ship of the line previously named HMS Waterloo; placed on harbour service at Plymouth in 1847/8

** 1 Apr 1848 to 31 Jul 1848 = 122 days; Ordinary Seaman

** 1Aug 1848 to 6 Nov 1850 = 2 years 98 days; Ordinary Seaman; character - good; paid off with 2 years 220 days added to his pensionable service

** 7 Nov 1850 to 12 Jan 1851 - out of service

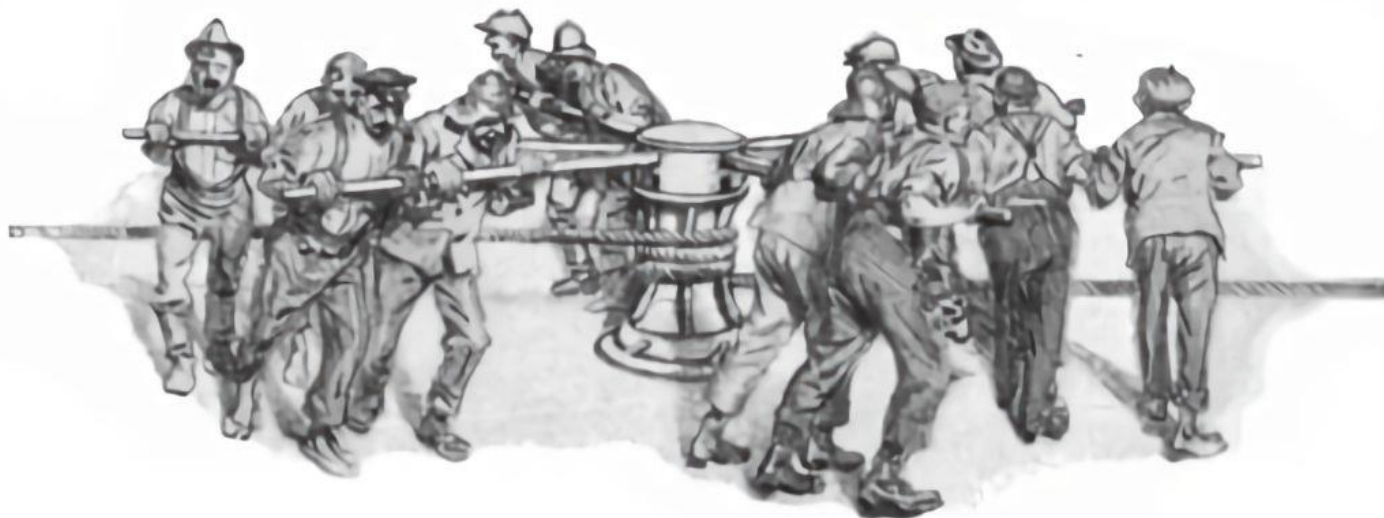
HMS Calliope, 28 gun sixth rate ship of the line; see narrative below regarding activity whilst Moses' was on the complement

** 13 Jan 1851 to 22 Apr 1851 = 100 days; Able Seaman

.. 8 Feb 1851 It is reported in the United Service Gazette that a serious accident occurred onboard at Devonport:

"The Calliope was being taken out of harbour into the Sound, in charge of Mr. Mills, Assistant Master Attendant, and in tow of the Avon steam vessel. She was starting all well, when it appears that the capstan not being properly attended to, the ship gained way on the men working at it, and on their walking back to give each hawser an equal strain, the capstan "ran away," carrying everyone before it ; and the bars not being secured by swifterns or pins, they flew about in all directions, knocking down everyone near them. The captain, Sir Everard Home ; one of the Assistant Surgeons, Mr Newland Nettleton ; a

quartermaster ; Jenkins, AB ; and Oxford a marine ; and James Dominey, a seaman ; were so seriously injured it was found necessary to send them to the Royal Naval Hospital, where they were placed under the skilful charge of Dr. Rae and other medical officers of that excellent establishment. The Captain received severe wounds in the head and leg, and is going on favourably, and will probably be removed to the Calliope on Monday. Mr Nettleton, Surgeon's Assistant, was a severe case, and amputation below the knee was performed in the afternoon. His present condition is favourable. Knowland, Quartermaster, received a fracture of the cranium, and was struck in the abdomen. He never spoke afterwards, and died on Thursday morning. Oxford, Marine, had a contused face, and is recovering. Jenkins had a contused leg, and James Dominey a contused thigh, and are doing well."



.. 1851 census; special schedules for vessels were introduced in 1851, although none are known to survive from that year; Moses does not appear in the Royal Naval Hospital census return for 1851 nor on the surviving civilian census return; he would appear to be back on Calliope but not yet fit enough to undertake the journey back to antipodean waters

HMS Vulcan, iron hulled screw frigate used as a troop transport vessel

** 23 Apr 1851 to 16 Aug 1851 = 116 days; Able Seaman

.. the record shows that he may have been bound for HMS Impregnable but this has been crossed out and replaced with Vulcan
 .. Moses' transfer to Vulcan may have been a pragmatic move as Calliope sailed for New Zealand in the first week of April, Moses potentially being still injured from the incident in February
 .. The discharge is recorded as "Invalided ?--"; the second word may be "aw[ar]d"; the combined service of his time on Calliope and Vulcan total 216 days which has been added to his pensionable service

** 17 Aug 1851 to 19 Apr 1852 - no service recorded; potentially recuperating from his injury

HMS Impregnable; 98 gun second rate ship of the line; laid up with the reserve fleet at Devonport at this time

** 20 Apr 1852 to 30 Jun 1853; Able Seaman

** 1 Jul 1853 to 31 Dec 1856; Leading Seaman; character - very good;

.. 5 May 1854 awarded Good Conduct Badge 1

.. 10 May 1855 awarded Good Conduct Badge 2

.. 20 Jun 1855 - Moses re-enlisted for a further 7 years continuous service - described at this time as 5'8" tall, sallow complexion, brown hair, blue eyes and no distinguishing marks; date of birth recorded incorrectly as 20 April 1825; Moses made his mark with a cross

.. the enlistment document lists a precis of the service to date but some of the dates differ from the accompanying detailed service record, viz:

.. - allowable service on HMS Agincourt starts on 4 Nov 1843; the detailed record gives this date as 20 Apr 1843

.. - allowable service on HMS Bellerophon starts on 20 Oct 1847; the detailed record gives this date as 4 Nov 1847

.. - allowable service on HMS Calliope ends on 3 Feb 1851; the detailed record gives this date as 22 Apr 1851

.. - allowable service on HMS Vulcan starts on 4 Feb 1851; the detailed record gives this date as 23 Apr 1851

** 1 Jan 1857 to 30 Jun 1857; Leading Seaman; character - very good; paid off as an "Invalid"; this may be the result of his previous injury or he had sustained another; total service on Impregnable was 5 years 202 days;

.. total pensionable service to date was 13 years 49 days

England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915

Name: Moses Jenkins & Mary Ann Harvey

Registration Year: 1855

Registration Quarter: Jul-Aug-Sep

Registration District: Stoke Damerel

Volume: 5b

Birth of daughter

Name: JENKINS, EMMA JANE Mother's Maiden Surname HARVEY
GRO Reference: 1856 J Quarter in STOKE DAMEREL Volume 05B Page 282

Service in the Royal Navy (continued)

ADM 139/662/26150

Moses, aged 34, returned to the Royal Navy for a ten year continuous service term on 10 Feb 1859, joining the crew of HMS St Jean d'Acre as quartermaster. The enlistment document gives his correct birthday of 20 February 1825. He is now shown as 5'9" with a dark complexion, brown hair and grey eyes. His previous service of over 13 years entitled him to a pension and the document os overwritten as follows:

- .. "Although this man was pensioned for life in 1857 their Lordships have appr[ove]d of his Extinguishing his Pension and of this Eng[agemen]t remaining in force. AO 29 April 64 Bd 2266. (Ent[ere]d at page 344 2 Order Book)"
- .. the record has note of his previous service and Good Conduct Badges
- .. once again Moses signs with a cross
- .. his service of 13 years 49 days is brought forward

HMS St Jean D'Acre, (the Royal Navy's first 101 gun screw two-decker line-of-battle ship); she spent serving in The English Channel and the Mediterranean

** 10 Feb 1859 to 13 Sep 1861 = 2 years 217 days; Quarter Master

- .. ** 10 Feb 1859 - pay had commenced at the level of a Stores Petty Officer (SPO) when he started his service on HMS St Jean D'Acre

1861 census - HMS St Jean d' Acre; 101 guns; anchored in Cadiz Bay, Spain

Moses Jenkins, quartermaster (Qr Mr), married, 36, Northill

HMS Centurion; second rate 80 guns sailing vessel; once part of The Channel Squadron she was decommissioned in November 1861

** 14 Sep 1861 to 6 Nov 1861 = 54 days; Quarter Master; paid at the level of SPO; discharged to shore

- .. Moses served 2 years 271 days on these two ships and his total service increased to 15 years 320 days

Moses' service record says "W 16 Dec 61" - this entry precedes the next service entry on the sheet but follows it in time by about a week; this trend continues for subsequent entries where the service was interrupted; the meaning of "W" has yet to be determined.

HMS Royal Adelaide; 104-gun third rate ship of the line; converted to serve as a depot ship in 1860

** 7 Dec 1861 to 31 Dec 1862 = 25 days; Captain's Coxswain

- .. A coxswain was the person who has charge of the boat and crew in the absence of officers. On a man-of-war, the Captain's coxswain ranked high among the petty officers and had charge of the Captain's boat and attends him.
- .. Moses was awarded a third Good Conduct Badge in this period

HMS Russell; 74-gun first-rate ship of the line; commanded at this time by Captain William King Hall, Coast Guard, Falmouth

** 1 Jan 1862 to 25 Apr 1863 = 1 year 115 days; Captain's Coxswain

HMS Cumberland; 70-gun third rate ship of the line; a depot ship in this period

** 26 Apr 1863 to 31 Dec 1863 = 250 days; Captain's Coxswain

** 1 Jan 1864 to 16 Nov 1864 = 321 days; Captain's Coxswain

- .. paid off with a "discharge letter";
- .. Moses cumulative service on Royal Adelaide, Russell and Cumberland to date was 2 years 346 days increasing his pensionable service to 18 years 301 days
- .. his pay as SPO has now accumulated to 5 years 252 days

** Moses' service record says "W 22 Nov 64" - as established above, this entry precedes the next service entry on the sheet and follows it in time by about a week but the meaning of "W" has yet to be determined

HMS Cumberland - probably;

** 17 Nov 1864 to 1 Feb 1866 = 1 year 77 days; probably as Captain's Coxswain

- .. this, the next entry on the service record, is missing; calculating backwards from the next stated term of SPO of 6 years 329 days his service was, therefore, continuous
- .. in the absence of the written record this could still be on HMS Cumberland

HMS Cumberland

** 2 Feb 1866 to 27 Feb 1866 = 26 days; Captain's Coxswain
.. discharged to shore

** 28 Feb 1866 to 12 Nov 1866 - out of service

Birth of son

Name: JENKINS, WILLIAM CHARLES Mother's Maiden Surname: HARVEY

GRO Reference: 1866 S Quarter in STOKE DAMEREL Volume 05B Page 284

Service in the Royal Navy (continued)

HMS Cumberland

** 13 Nov 1866 to 13 Dec 1868 = 2 years 32 days; Able Seaman

.. the reason for a change of status to Able Seaman is not recorded

.. discharge records "D State[me]nt

.. SPO was applied to his service as Captain's Coxswain; this was increased, therefore to 6 years 355 days

.. pensionable service was now reckoned as 22 years 71 days

Birth of daughter:

Name: JENKINS, ANN LOUISA Mother's Maiden Surname: HARVEY

GRO Reference: 1868 M Quarter in STOKE DAMEREL Volume 05B Page 343

Service in the Royal Navy (continued)

HMS Cumberland

** 14 Dec 1868 to 31 Dec 1868 = 18 days; Able Seaman

HMS Agincourt; this was a newly built Minotaur-class ironclad armoured frigate named Agincourt, it's earlier namesake, on which Moses had served, was renamed HMS Vigo in 1865; at this time the ship had completed sea trials and was being prepared to tow a dry dock to Madeira; Moses had left the ship before it sailed for Madeira and was probably part of her complement whilst she was moored at Plymouth

** 1 Jan 1869 to 1 Apr 1869 = 91 days; Able Seaman

.. combined service as Able Seaman on Cumberland and Agincourt was 109 days

HMS Cadmus; a wooden screw corvette; she struck rocks at Salcombe on 5 June 1869 and was severely damaged and beached; she was taken in to Plymouth the next day:

** 2 Apr 1869 to 8 Jun 1869 = 68 days; Ship's Cook

.. THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, 7, 1869

"Accident to the Cadmus. An accident of a very serious character has happened to H.M.S. Cadmus, on the Devonshire coast, about twenty five miles east Plymouth, by which, according to the latest accounts, she is placed in imminent danger of being lost. The Cadmus, a screw corvette of 1,466 tons, carrying 21 guns, commanded by Captain Gibson, took part in the recent cruise of the Royal Naval Reserve, and was returning from Portsmouth to Devonport when, arriving off the Start, she was overtaken by dense fog. Steam and sail were slackened, but [it] is probable that due allowance was not made for the strong shore currents which at times prevail on that coast. However this may be, she struck with considerable force on a reef of rocks near the Bolt Head, to the west of Salcombe Bay. The concussion did not appear to be very violent, and, her engines being immediately turned full speed astern, in a short time she moved off the rocks, and it was hoped she would be able to run to Plymouth. It was soon, however, found that the water was pouring in very rapidly, and steam and hand pumps were immediately set to work; but the water gained upon the workers, and before long put out the engine fires. Guns were fired, boat was sent on shore, and messenger despatched with all speed to Kingsbridge, whence a telegram was forwarded to Devonport. Admiral Drummond instantly ordered the steam tug Trusty to proceed with the utmost expedition to the assistance of the Cadmus, which meanwhile remained anchored in the bay not far from the shore, and every effort was being made to keep her afloat. That part of the coast which the accident happened is very difficult of access, and it is very doubtful whether the ship with every exertion, can be extricated. Later intelligence informs us that the Cadmus was got safely off yesterday morning, and towed into Plymouth."

HMS Barossa, a Jason-class screw corvette; a member of one of the "Flying Squadrons" (or "Detached Squadrons") of unarmoured screw ships which undertook extended world wide cruises for training, and flag waving; these squadrons were never directly involved in hostilities; the squadron's tour was:

.. 1869 - Plymouth (19 Jun) - Funchal (1 - 2 July) - Bahia (2 - 4 Aug) - Rio de Janeiro (16 - 25 Aug) - Montevideo (6 - 12 Sep) - Cape of Good Hope (3 - 16 Oct) - Melbourne (26 Nov - 7 Dec) - Sydney (12 - 26 Dec)

.. 1870 - Hobart (2 - 10 Jan) - Lyttleton (19 - 22 Jan) - Wellington (24 - 27 Jan) - Auckland (2 - 9 Feb) - Yokohama (6 - 14 Apr) - Yedo (Tokyo; 14 - 17 Apr) - Yokohama (17 - 19 Apr) - Esquimalt (15 - 28 May) - Honolulu (16 - 23 Jun) - Valparaiso (14 - 28 Aug) - Bahia (6 - 9 Oct) - Plymouth (15 Nov)

.. Barossa joined at Funchal and left at Yokohama

** 9 Jun 1869 to 21 Jan 1871 = 1 year 227 days; Ship's Cook

HMS Indus; the name assigned to the Devonport guard ship and flagship of the Port Admiral, between 1860 and 1905

** 22 Jan 1871 to 31 Dec 1872 = 1 year 345 days; Ship's Cook

1871 census - HMS Indus - Guard Ship in Hamoaze, Devonport, Plymouth

Moses Jenkins, ship's cook, married, 46, Northill

.. Moses is on the census at work (above) and at home (below)

56 George Street, Clowance, Devonport

Moses Jenkins, head, married, 46, ship's cook Royal Navy, North Hill

,,,Mary A Jenkins, wife, married, 34, Cheriton Bishop

,,,William C Jenkins, son, 4, Devonport

Birth of daughter:

Name: JENKINS, EDITH EMILY Mother's Maiden Surname: HARVEY

GRO Reference: 1871 D Quarter in STOKE DAMEREL Volume 05B Page 337

Service in the Royal Navy (continued)

HMS Indus

** 1 Jan 1873 to 15 Mar 1875 = 2 years 74 days; Ship's Cook

** 16 Mar 1875 to 8 Dec 1875 - out of service

Service in the Royal Navy (continued)

HMS Indus

** 9 Dec 1875 to 31 Mar 1876 = 114 days; Ship's Cook; non-pensionable pay

** 1 Apr 1876 to 7 Oct 1876 = 190 days; Ship's Cook; non-pensionable pay

** 8 Oct 1876 to 10 Oct 1876- out of service

HMS Indus

** 11 Oct 1876 to 9 Apr 1879 = 2 years 181 days; Ship's Cook; non-pensionable pay

1881 census - Pryers, North Hill

Moses Jenkin,Head,M,54,,Naval Pensioner,North Hill Cornwall,,

,,,Mary Ann Jenkin,Wife,M,,43,,Devon,,

,,,Edith E. Jenkin,Dau,,,10,Scholar,Morice Town Devon,,

,,,Emma J. Gordan,Dau,M,,25,,Devonport Devon,,

,,,Bertram F. Gordan,Grnson,,1,,,Morice Town Devon,,

1891 census - Pryers, North Hill

Moses Jenkin,Head,M,64,,Pensioner,,North Hill Cornwall,,

,,,Mary A Jenkin,Wife,M,,52,,,Crediton Devon,,

,,,Edith E Jenkin,Daur,S,,19,,,Morice Town Devon,,

Burials database

Day Month 07-Nov

Year 1891

Parish Circuit Or Chapel North Hill, Coads Green WM

Forename Moses

Surname JENKIN

Age 64

Residence North Hill