

David Holmes

GOVERNOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETINGS.

KNOW YE,

That reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of

William Witherington

I do appoint him *an Ensign of the 17th Regiment* Mississippi Territory, to take rank from the date hereof. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of *an Ensign* by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging: And I do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under his command, to be obedient to his orders as *an Ensign*. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as he shall receive from the Governor of the Mississippi Territory for the time being or the other superior officers set over him according to the rules and discipline of war. This commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the Governor for the time being.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the Territory to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the *Town of Washington.*

The *7th day of July* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *13.*

and in the *38th* Year of the Independence of the United States of America.



Seal of the Governor:

David Holmes

(Back Side of the Ensign's Commission – Handwritten)

M.T., Jackson County

I do hereby certify that William Witherington came before me
And was duly Sworn the Oaths that is appointed by law as an Ensign in
Cap. James Ware's Company, 17th Regiment of the Mississippi Territory Militia.
Sworn to before me this 4th Sept. 1813.

James Ware (L 2)

Notes:

- 1) This is a transcription from a photocopy of the original Ensign's Commission of **William Witherington, Jr.** (1773-1837) of Darlington, SC. Witherington served in the War of 1812, likely serving during the 1813 Creek Indian Uprisings of Monroe & Conecuh Counties in Alabama.
- 2) William Witherington, Jr., born 11 April 1773 at Little Beaver Dam on Lynches Creek, Cheraws District, SC and died 25 August 1837 near Fork Sepulga, Conecuh Co, AL. He married Sarah 'Sally' Stanley on 13 February 1794 at Craven County/Darlington, SC.

William Witherington, Jr. was the 4th Great Grandfather of
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