

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Jones S1678

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State of Tennessee, Maury County Circuit Court, October Term 1832.

On the 12th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared before William E. Kennedy, Judge of Circuit Court in open court John Jones a resident of Maury County in the State of Tennessee, aged 82 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress Paper June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Virginia State Line, the year he cannot exactly recollect but thinks it was about the year 1778. He enlisted under Captain Leander Jones in Albemarle County, Virginia for three years, Lieutenants William Hopkins and Richard Braevis [?], Colonel John Cole commanding the regiment which he cannot recollect, but he knows that the regiment was and composed a part of General Lawson's Brigade. Lawson commanded a while, he was removed and Morris commanded the same regiment. During the three years he was employed marching to different places in Virginia, no battle took place. He never during this period left the State of Virginia. He got a Discharge but has lost it long since. The time he was discharged he cannot recollect.

He again enlisted in Albemarle County, Virginia after he was discharged from his former enlistment. This was under Captain Benjamin Harris. This tour he enlisted for life or during the war. Colonel Cole commanded the regiment, marched to Charlottesville, General Lafayette there took the command, marched North until we met General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], marched thence to Yorktown where we took Cornwallis. We then return to Albemarle County, Virginia and was soon discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to in open Court, November 12th, 1832.

S/ John Jones

S/ G. M. Martin, Clk.

I, John Saunders, a Clergyman of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee being called on by John Jones of Maury County in this State to say what I know and believe respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relating to his Revolutionary Service, do hereby Certify and say that I have been acquainted with the said John Jones for upwards of twenty years. I first got acquainted with him while he lived in Virginia and I have been acquainted with him ever since I moved to this County which is upwards of twenty years, and from the old men in the neighborhood it is and always was believed that he was a Revolutionary Soldier and I believe him to be about 84 years old, and he has always supported the character of an honest man. And I believe his oath ought to be taken in any court in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of July, 1833.

S/ John Saunders

I James M. Jones of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee being called on by John Jones of the County of Maury and State aforesaid to say what I know about his Revolutionary Service, I well recollect of living near the said John Jones in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia at the Commencement of the war and as well as I can recollect it was about the third or fourth year after the war commenced I think to the best of my belief it was in the year 1777 he the said John Jones was called out in the Service of his country, But in what Regiment I do not recollect. But I do well recollect that I had to go to mill for the said John Jones' wife very frequently in the time he was in the service and I do believe that he served about three years and ten months with the exception of a few weeks. I have always known the said John Jones from the time he entered the revolutionary Service until this day and I believe him to be about 83 or 84 years old and he has always supported the character of a

honest man and a man of truth and the reason I recollect the circumstances is that my Father went into the service at the same time in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of July 1833.

S/ James M. Jones