Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Jones 1 S8752

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this 29 days of November 1855 Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Moses Jones aged 93 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 passed the 7th of June 1832 that I entered the Service of the United States in the revolutionary war declared against grate britton [Great Britain] the 4 of July 1776 that I was drafted a private Soldier in the militia company commanded by Captain Gooch [Gideon Gooch] who was commanded by Colonel Sutherland [Ransom Sutherland] -- the Regiment not recollected from Granville County North Carolina my term of service was one year which I served out and was discharged at Hillsboro after which I was drafted a second time for six months; and served it out I was drafted a third and last time for six months which time terminated at the Close of the war when we took Corn wallace [Cornwallis] at York town [October 19, 1781] prisoner some time -- after which we were all honorably discharged and returned Home have you any of your discharges answer I’ve none of them now they are all destroyed or lost have you any record of your family I have none whare [where] was you born and raised in Granville County North Carolina where did you live when the war Commenced in Granville County what date did you enter the Service in 1780 what Country did you march through -- into Virginia what battles were you in the Battle of York town was the only one except some skirmishes with the Tories he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension but the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State [sworn] and Subscribed to before me the day and date above [written]

S/ Wm. J. Duke, JP

S/ Moses Jones

[p 5: William J Duke gave an affidavit stating that the veteran enjoys a character for truth and undoubted character and from old age and infirmity is crippled and cannot go to court.

Jno A. McMannen , a Methodist minister, gave a supporting affidavit as to the evidence given by Wm. J. Duke, JP. being true]

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[p 6: Document dated July 17, 1856 filed in Orange County North Carolina by the veteran, 93, by which he claims his bounty land entitlement as a Revolutionary war soldier.]

[p 17: Rev. S. D. Umstead Esqr., 45, gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of Moses Jones—given in Orange County, NC on November 7, 1856.]

[supporting letter given by Willie P. Mangum²]

[p 28: Certificate from the North Carolina Comptroller listing payments made to one Moses Jones for service during the revolution.]

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of $70 per annum subsequently increased to $80 per annum, commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia for 2 years.]

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² MANGUM, Willie Person, (1792 - 1861)
Senate Years of Service: 1831-1836; 1840-1853
Party: Jacksonian; Anti-Jacksonian; Whig
MANGUM, Willie Person, a Representative and a Senator from North Carolina; born in Orange (now Durham) County, N.C., May 10, 1792; attended academies at Hillsboro, Fayetteville, and Raleigh; graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1815; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1817 and commenced practice in Red Mountain, N.C.; member, State house of representatives 1818-1819; twice elected a superior court judge; elected to the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1823, until March 18, 1826, when he resigned; elected as a Jacksonian (later Anti-Jacksonian) to the United States Senate in 1830 and served from March 4, 1831, until his resignation on November 26, 1836; chairman, Committee on Naval Affairs (Twenty-seventh Congress), Committee on Printing (Twenty-seventh Congress); received the eleven electoral votes of South Carolina for President of the United States in 1837; again elected, as a Whig, to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bedford Brown; reelected in 1841 and in 1847, and served from November 25, 1840, to March 3, 1853; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Congresses; unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1853; continued the practice of law until his death in Red Mountain, N.C., September 7, 1861; interment in the family burial ground at his home, ‘Walnut Hall,’ near Red Mountain, N.C. http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=M000096