Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Jones R5697 Transcribed by Will Graves f14GA 7/9/09: rev'd 3/3/16

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State of Georgia Meriwether County: SS

On this twelfth day of September 1832, personally appeared before me Willie B. Ector an acting legal Justice of the Inferior or County Court in & for said County, David Jones, a resident of said County & State, aged eighty-three years since the 2nd day of March last, who first being sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 –

- 1st -- That he was born in Chester County Pennsylvania on the 2nd March 1749 -- has no record of his age -- resides now in Meriwether County State of Georgia, removed from Pennsylvania to Georgia about Christmas 177? [last digit obliterated by an any blot] & settled in Richmond County where he entered service, enlisted for two years commencing about October 1775 which whole time he served except the three last months -- served as a private soldier in Infantry -- enlisted under Joseph Duncan Captain who was killed by one of his own men, after his death his first Lieutenant Robert Middleton became Captain by whom he was discharged about August in the year 1777 making twenty-one months, his Major's name Lew Marbury [probably Leonard Marbury], John Stewart Colonel -- during this service was stationed principally in & about Augusta Georgia, also at Clark's station, also Jack's Fort & other forts which formed a chain of protection for the frontiers of the State, discharged in Augusta by John Houston, Governor of the State by written discharge which he has long since lost, had several skirmishes with the Cherokee Indians whilst stationed at Clark's station in Wilkes County. -- This under State authority, militia.
- 2nd -- Entered as a private volunteer in Infantry about 1779 as near as remembered under General Williamson [Andrew Williamson], Henry Walker Captain, marched from Wrightsborough Columbia County, on an expedition against the Creek Indians, & immediately succeeding on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians in which last was at & in a considerable battle fought at Keywee [sic, Keewee] in South Carolina where was joined by a detachment of Troops commanded by Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens], marched through Wilkes County on this expedition stationed on the way awhile at Fort Hovington in the fork of Broad & Savannah rivers. -- This service in these two tours estimated safely at three months or more. -- This service State volunteers. -
- 3rd -- Was stationed at Burke Jail, Burke County Georgia two months, was attacked by the British & dispersed, Tom Aspey Captain, William Few Major & Ben Few [Benjamin Few] Colonel, joined Captain Aspey at Wrightsborough Columbia County Georgia -- was a private soldier in the Infantry -- the British commanded by Colonel Brown [Thomas "Burntfoot" Brown]

from Augusta in a sortie who was wounded there -- this service as today & year he cannot particularize from his old age & lapse of memory. -- Received no written discharge then. This was during the Revolution. -

4th -- Was at & in the Siege of Savannah Georgia about the year 1781 his Captain was Tom Aspey whom he joined at Wrightsborough, Georgia marched through Louisville Jefferson County, was a volunteer private militia, State Troops, major's name forgotten & other officers also having been arranged [?] to regular officers -- this was the same time that Count Pulaski was killed¹ & Count d'Estaing who commanded the French naval force was defeated with the Americans -- the British had possession of Savannah & the Americans made the attack & stormed to capture it but were repulsed with him thence loss. -- This was in the summer or fall of the year, & the service with him continued about 3 months, that long or more. --

Summary time in all of the above 1st 21 mos., 2nd 3 mos, 3rd 2 mos., 4th 3 mos. making in all twenty-nine months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a Pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. -- And that he knows of no person by whom to prove his services as here with set forth, & that he has no original documentary evidence to present in proof or corroboration of the same, all Revolutionary vouchers which he wants head having long since been lost & destroyed. Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Willie B. Ector, JIC

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[Absalom Jackson & Alexander Patterson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia Meriwether County: Personally appeared before me Joseph Peavy who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he knew David Jones during the Revolutionary War, that they were neighbors that they were associated at times in the American cause & that he knows him to have been a true Whig.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 26 October 1832 S/ Willie B. Ector, JIC S/ Joseph Peavy, X his mark

¹ Contrary to the veteran's immigration, the Battle of Savannah occurred on September 16, 1779.