

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Jones¹ S17517

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State of Missouri, County of Cooper

On this 6th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Cooper County Court now sitting David Jones a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy two years in January last, 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 June 7th 1832:

That he entered the service of the United States in the spring of the year 1777 from Henry County in the State of Virginia in the capacity of a private and a volunteer militiaman under the command of William Furguson [William Ferguson], Lieut. and Peter Harston [Peter Hairston], Capt., that they then marched to the Long Island of the Holston River where they united the main body of the Militia under the command of Colo. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Colo. Christy [William Christian], where they held a treaty with the Cherokee Indians against whom they marched with whom peace was considered and they were disbanded and returned home after three months service, that he next entered the service from Henry County as well as he can now recollect in the State of Virginia under the command of Capt. Ruble [Owen Rubell], Major Waller [George Waller], the others not now recollect in the capacity of a second sergeant & a militiaman, from whence they marched to Little York where they joined the regular troops under the Command of Major Boyce [perhaps William Boyce], Col. Shiper [sic, Skiper?] and Col. Tucker, General Lawson [Robert Lawson], that he then belonged to General Lawson's Brigade and all under the command of General George Washington, where a battle was fought in which this declarant was engaged; Little York was then seized by the British whence they were all discharged after the surrender of Lord Corn Wallace [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781] at Little York after three months service -- that he thus served six months -- two tours --three months each -- that he received a written discharge signed by Capt. Owen Ruble by order of General Lawson, that he served three months as a private and three months as a second sergeant as aforesaid -- which discharge he sent unto our representative in Congress to hand unto the War Department with his former declaration -- besides which he has no other documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, that can testify to his service except William Ross whose affidavit is herewith sent. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

S/ David Jones



Subscribed and sworn to this day and year aforesaid

¹ See N. A. Acc. No. 874 No. 050094—Not Half Pay David Jones

Questions by the Court:

Ques. 1st. When and what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Pittsylvania County, Va. in the [year] 1761.

Ques. 2nd. Have you any record of your age?

Ans. I have a record that I made myself from which my parents told me, now in my possession.

Ques. 3rd. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Ans. When first called into service I was living in Henry County Va & when I entered the second time I was living in Henry County Va. Since the revolutionary war I have lived in Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri & now live in Cooper County Missouri.

Ques. 4. How where you called into service?

Ans. The first time I volunteered -- and the second by an allotment of the Militia where it fell to the lot of my company to go.

Ques. 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I can only state the same I have already stated in my Declaration (read it).

Ques. 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service? did you ever receive a commission.

Ans. While a private I was discharged but have lost it. I was not commissioned, but received a written discharge after Little York, which I have given an account of in my Declaration.

Ques. 7. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and on behalf of your service as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. I can state Robt. P. Clark, Samuel Lusk, Col. Briscoe and others.

S/ David Jones

[Benjamin Proctor and Robert P Clark gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

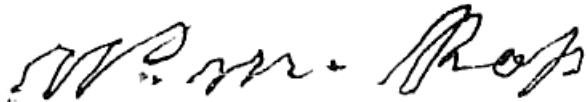
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This day appeared in open Court William Ross a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-eight years and being first duly sworn according to law maketh oath and saith that he has been acquainted with the said David Jones who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration ever since he can remember, that he distinctly recollects to have seen said Jones sometime in the year 1777 or 1778 marching as a soldier in Captain Harston's [Hairston]² – who had raised a volunteer company to March against the Cherokee Indians from Henry County in the State of Virginia; that his brother John Ross was a volunteer belonging to the same Company with said Jones and was intimately acquainted with said Jones during the whole tour – and have since heard his said Brother say that said Jones served the whole 3 months tour he also spoke in the highest terms of said Jones as a soldier – that he well recollects also of hearing it said that said Jones was on another campaign under Captain Owen Ruble as a Sergeant, that after the return of the soldiers after Lord Cornwallis' surrender he heard many

² There were 3 men named Hairston who served as captains in the Henry County Virginia militia: John Hairston, George Hairston and Peter Hairston.

soldiers who served in that campaign say that said Jones also served a 3 months tour then and that his services aforesaid was a matter of public notoriety in the State of Virginia where said Jones afterwards resided.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid S/ Wm Ross



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th 1831, for service as a private for 3 months and as a Sergeant for 3 months in the Virginia service.]

[From [Virginia Half-Pay record on Fold3.com](#)]

[<https://www.fold3.com/image/616518772/jones-david-page-6-us-virginia-half-pay-pension-application-files-1778-1875>]

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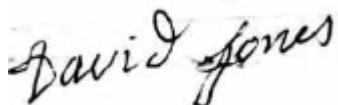
State of Missouri County of Cooper}SS Be it known that before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeared David Jones and made oath in due form of law, that he is the identical person named in an original Certificate in his possession of which (I certify) the following is a true copy; – “War Department, Revolutionary Claim. – I certify that in conformity with the law of the United States of the 7th June 1832, David Jones of the State of Missouri who was a private and Sergeant in the Army of the revolution is entitled to receive Twenty five Dollars per annum during his natural life Commencing on the 4th of March 1831, and payable since annually on the 4th of March and 4th of September every year, –

Given at the war office of the United States this 3rd day of October 1833

John Robb
Acting Secretary of War”

Examined and
Countersigned
JL Edwards,
Commissioner of pensions”

David Jones



That he resided in the State of Missouri for the space of twenty five years, and that previous thereto he resided in the State of Kentucky –

Subscribed & sworn to this 5th day of September 1837 before me
Washⁿ Adams, JP