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Pension application of James Jones S2656 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Tennessee Robertson County

On this Thirteenth day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Robertson County now sitting James Jones a resident in the County of Robertson & State of Tennessee aged eighty years the 17th day of June last & was born June 17th 1752 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated, he states that he was called into service from powetan [Powhatan] County in the State of Virginia and was placed under George Williams Captain William Duval Major one Willis was Colonel his given name not recollected & was marched off under General Steuben he thinks he entered the service sometime in the month of October in the year 1780 & was marched to Suffolk town in Virginia & was marched from there to Guilford Court house in North Carolina & there fought a battle [March 15, 1781] under General Green [Nathanael Greene] & was wounded and put in the hospital & remained there until he was able to return home sometime in May the following year he states that the service he performed was in the Militia of Virginia & that he has no papers to show anything about his service nor does he know of any person by which he can prove the same he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not nor has been on any pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Jones

James Jones

[Thomas Gunn, a clergyman, and James Sawyers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Robertson County: Be it remembered that on this day to wit the 28th day of January 1833 Personally appeared James Jones a citizen of the County and State aforesaid before me John Hutchison a Justice of the peace for said County who being duly sworn saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time in which he served neither can he recollect all the circumstances attending his service but from the best of his recollection he was drafted when he entered the service (as stated in his original declaration to which this is appended) for a tower [tour] of six months and under the officers there mentioned and was under General Steuben & was in a battle at Hood's point on

James River & marched from there to Suffolk town in Virginia from there to Nansemond old towns & then back to Suffolk from thence we marched to Guilford Court house in North Carolina under General Green he stayed not less than six months in actual service as a private but has no discharge being deposited in the hospital and never got any discharge but was permitted to go home when I was able to travel, there resides in my neighborhood where I now reside who can testify to my Character & veracity and their belief of my services as a revolutionary soldier to wit, Grandberry Bagget, David Jones, Hugh Henry, David Henry, James Owen, David McMurry, Jackson Couts, Thomas Woodward and many others were it necessary to enumerate them. For said service I claim a pension. Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and date above.

S/ John Hutchison, JP

S/ James Jones

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]