Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jones S31174 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Kentucky Garrard County Sct.

On this 3rd day of May 1834 personally appeared before me Lewis Landrum (a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Garrard and as such one of the Judges of the Garrard County Court) John Jones, a resident of Garrard County in the State of Kentucky aged seventy 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 June 7th 1832.

He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1778 in the month of September, being drafted under Captain Humphrey Marshall and Lieutenant William Drumwright – That he continued and remained in the service under that draft three months. That he resided in Mecklenburg County in the State of Virginia when he entered the service as above stated: and that he marched from said County in the company of and under the command of Captain Humphrey Marshall to Petersburg in the State of Virginia; and the Regiment to which he was attached was commanded by Colonel Samuel Burrell.

That he again entered the service in 1779 under a draft and marched from Brunswick County (to which he had removed after the expiration of the above tour) to Dinwiddie Courthouse in the State of Virginia, under the command of Captain Walker. From Dinwiddie he marched down near Petersburg, and remained until he was discharged, making a tour of two months although he well recollects that he got a discharge for a full Tour.

That he again entered the service under a draft in 1779 and remained in the Army six weeks when he was discharged.

That in 1780 he again entered the service as a volunteer in Sussex County and marched from there to Petersburg in the State of Virginia. That he was in the battle of Petersburg [April 25, 1781], and remained six weeks until he was again discharged making in all nine months. This affiant belonged to Captain Vaughn's company at the battle at Petersburg, and the commanding officer at said Battle was Major Harrell. He was in no other battle during the revolution.

He knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his revolutionary services, and has no documentary evidence in possession in relation to his services – that he now lives in Garrard County in the State of Kentucky, and has resided there for the space of 40 years.

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/ John Jones

[Simeon H Anderson & Thomas Buford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Here follows the Interrogatories put to the applicant, with the answers thereto –

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Brunswick County, State of Virginia, 3 day of September 1763 –

2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a transcript of my age taken from the Church Register where my father lived.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, & where do you now live?

Answer. When I first entered the service I lived in Mecklenburg County, State of Virginia. Shortly after the revolution I moved to Garrard County Kentucky, where I now live.

4. How were you called into service? Were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

Answer. In 2 tours I was drafted, and in the last I was a volunteer.

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served – such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general Circumstances of your service –

Answer. My recollection does not enable me to state the names of the Regular officers, and in my declaration on the foregoing pages, I have given and the general circumstances of my service.

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

Answer. I received 2 discharges, but I have lost them and do not know that they can be found.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services in the Revolution? Answer. I am known to the Honorable Robert P Letcher, Simeon H Anderson and ___.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]