

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Jones R5697

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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]

