

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Fowler Jones R5701

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State of North Carolina, Granville County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August term A.D. 1832

On this 10th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before Maurice Smith, James Wyche & Lewis Green members of the said court, now sitting, Fowler Jones Senior who was born and raised on the South side of Tar River in Granville County and State of North Carolina – he was born on the 22nd day of September 1758, as the Register of his father stated and so his parents always told him But the Register has long since been destroyed. He has always resided in the same County – who being 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States by Draft in Granville County in the fall of the year 1780 after he had arrived at the age of twenty two years the same fall. His term of Service was for three months in the Infantry – but it was proposed by the commanding officers that if the Men Drafted in the Infantry for three months would find their own Horse and Join the light Horse Company that was then forming in the same County, that a Tour of two months in the latter service should be taken for the tour of three months service in the Infantry according to Enlistment. I had a very good mare and did join the Light Horse company under the command of Solomon Walker Captain and John Hawkins Lieutenant. I cannot remember the time of the year that we Rendezvoused at Hillsboro, but we were there Collected and all the different light Horse Companies were placed under the Command of Colonel Phil Taylor [Philip Taylor]. From Hillsboro we marched through Salisbury, Phifer's Mill on or near Rocky River to the neighborhood of Charlotte, which was then in possession of the Enemy. Between Salisbury and Charlotte I saw Young Locke who had been killed by the British. His brother was carrying his dead body on a horse before him when we met & saw him. I cannot recollect how long I was in Service in this part of the Country, but it was for a considerable time. At length upon the British leaving Charlotte¹ & crossing the Catawba, my mare was taken sick and I was left to take care of her and to guard a Baggage Wagon together with a few others, at New Providence on Six Mile Creek. Here I remained until my Term of Service had expired and my mare having died in the meantime, I received my discharge and walked home on foot. I do not remember a single person who is now living that was with me in that expedition as an officer or Soldier.

My discharge has been long since lost or destroyed. I never thought it of any value.

I cannot remember distinctly but think that the next tour of duty of three months commenced about the first of August 1781. I was drafted in the Infantry in Granville County

¹ Cornwallis left Charlotte after receiving news of the defeat of Patrick Ferguson's force at Kings Mountain in the battle which took place at that location on October 7, 1780.

under the Command of Nathaniel Waller as Captain and Benjamin Moore as Lieutenant. I cannot remember under what field officers we were placed when this detachment assembled at Hillsboro, but we were marched to Cross Creek now Fayetteville where I remember we were under the Command of General Butler [John Butler] – a Major Douglass was also in Command. From this place we were marched to the Raft Swamp. The Brick House which is about 2 miles from the Swamp was then in the possession of the enemy who consisted of British & Tories. General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] commanded the light Horse & General Butler the Infantry. Our duty was performed in various expeditions round and about this Country. At length the enemy took position on the South Side of the River at Bluford's Bridge—we were stationed at the same Bridge on the opposite or North Side of the River. While we were thus stationed official Intelligence reached us of the Capture & surrender of the British Army under Cornwallis at Little York [October 19, 1781], and the consequent cessation of Hostilities – and we were very shortly thereafter regularly discharged and I came home. This discharge has also been lost or destroyed. The only persons that are now living that I know of who accompanied me in this Expedition is James Haskins,² my brother Edward Jones Senior and William Taburn³ a free man of Color, the latter of whom with me after being reduced by extreme bodily infirmity and extreme privation of worldly substance have been constrained to place ourselves upon the Charity of our Country and are now messmates in the Poor House of Granville County where we enjoy as much comfort as our situation of mind and body will admit and being removed from our nearest relations. My wife lives with me.

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 any State or Territory.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above stated in open Court.

S/ Fowler Jones, Senior, X his mark

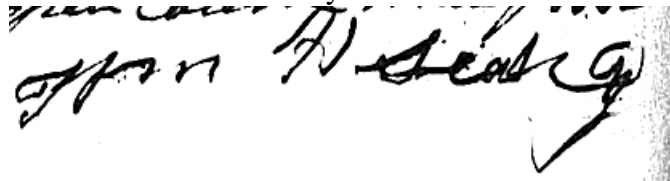
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William Hargrove Searcey⁴ a Citizen of said County and State makes oath that he was a Captain of a Company in the Expedition mentioned in the within declaration of Fowler Jones to the Raft Swamp, that he had obtained a furlough before the discharge of the Troops and had returned home, but he well knows that the applicant Fowler Jones Senior was a Soldier in said Expedition and that he left him on duty when he left the detachment – He also knows that William Taburn was a Soldier in said Company & he was also left on duty.

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court 11th August 1832

S/ Wm H. Searcey

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm H. Searcey", written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

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State of North Carolina Granville County: superior Court of Law September Term 1832

James Terry makes Oath that after being duly sworn in open Court according to Law, that he was a Brother Soldier with Fowler Jones in the Expedition mentioned by him in his foregoing

² [James Haskins W19732](#)

³ [William Taburn \(Taborn\) W18115](#)

⁴ [William Searcy \(Searey\) R9342](#)

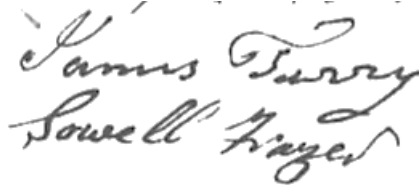
declaration, viz. that when we marched to Charlotte North Carolina – this affiant was in the same detachment and remembers the said Fowler Jones while in service in the same, but he does not know the length of time he served.

Sowell Fraizer [sic] a Citizen of Stokes County makes oath that he was a soldier in the campaign mentioned by James Terry in the foregoing affidavit. He belonged to the Infantry & Terry in the light Horse – this affiant well remembers Fowler Jones and that he was a Soldier in the same campaign, but knows nothing of his length of Service.

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court September 6, 1832

S/ James Terry⁵

S/ Sowell Fraizer⁶

Handwritten signatures of James Terry and Sowell Fraizer in cursive script.

⁵ [James Terry R10464](#)

⁶ [Sowell \(Lowell\) Fraizer \(Frazier\) R3767](#)