

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Henry Jones R5704

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State of Alabama } Barbour County Court
Barbour County } January Term 1839

On this 15th day of January personally appeared in open court before the Court of Barbour County now sitting Henry Jones a resident of said County and State of Alabama age seventy seven 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 the 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated That some time of the spring or summer of the year 1780 he was drafted for three months and was put under the command of Capt Binns Jones and one Lieut. Robertson he believes they belonged to the 4th Redgment commanded by Col. James Lucas that they were attached to the Brigade commanded by General Thomas Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] he was draughted from the County of Brunswick in the State of Virginia, and was marched from said County and State to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina and from there to Deep River at which place they remained for some time was then marched to rudles mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill] in the State of South Carolina at which place they joined the army commanded he believes by Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates on the evening before his defeat near Camden South Carolina [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] that during the night they were attacked by the guard of the enemy but they dropped back until the next morning when we were attacked and defeated from there we returned to Hillsborough and from there to Virginia which ended his three months tour he states that he was one month in service before he was mustered into service making four months that he was out under his three months draught. Shortly after his return he was again draughted and put under the command of Capt Thomas Thredgill [sic: Thomas Threadgill] and served one week and then employed a substitute by the name of Ch's. Rudden and was released that in the year of 1781 he was again ordered out for six weeks and was under the command of Capt House and changed to Capt Harelson that they were marched to Gees Bridge on the Maherrin [sic: Meherrin] River where they remained a short time and then they marched to James River at which place they joined a French Gen'l. but do not recollect his name abot this time he got crippled and was left in an old barn with the sick and disabled from there he returned home and wheather he ever rec'd a discharge or not he cannot recollect but if he did it is lost he further states that he was born in Dunwoody [sic: Dinwiddie] County and raised in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia that after peace he removed to North Carolina and from there to the State of Georgia and then to the State of Alabama where he now resides. In consequence of the length of time and distance from his place of Birth it is imposable for him to procure any evidence of his services in the army except by his own oath that there is not one of his old acquaintances from Virginia in this section as he knows of and if he ever received a discharge it is lost that he cannot procure any documentary evidence of his services He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present and declairs that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Henry Jones

Question Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in the State of Virginia in Dunwoody County in the year 1762

Q Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

A Before I left Virginia I transcribed my age from the bible of my Fathers in one of my own but have given it to my son who now lives in Georgia

Q How were you caled into service were you draughted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

A I was draughted

Q Where were you living when caled into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

A I was living in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia and removed to North Carolina

then to Georgia and then to the State of Alabama where I now live in Barbour County

Q State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

A I can give the names of some of the officers but cannot say whether they were regulars or militia Gen'l. Stephens Col. Richardson [probably Holt Richardson] Col. Jas Lucas Capt Thos. Thredgill Capt Harelson & Capt House. I also recollect we joined a French Gen'l. but have forgot his name on the James River and that I had a nail stuck in my foot which deprived me of marching any further and was left with the sick in an old barn and on my recovery I went Home

Q did you ever receive a discharge from the services and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer I cannot recollect wheather I ever rec'd a discharge or not but if I did it is lost

Q State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

A Col. Robt Hobdy W M Shaw Esqr Hartwell Ball Jas Shipman Henchey Green Alf'd Pugh D McKinzey