

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jones R5716

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State of Virginia County of Mecklenburg: SS

On this 15th day of October 1835 personally appeared before me George Rogers a magistrate for the County of Mecklenburg Virginia John Jones a resident of said County of Mecklenburg & State aforesaid aged seventy-seven years last February 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the State of Virginia on the following named officers, & served as herein stated. Colonel ___ (his name he does not recollect) Major Street, Captain Mabry [Stephen Mabry?] he does not remember the day month or year that he entered the service as a volunteer & marched from Delaney's Ordinary in the County of Mecklenburg, thence to the Town of Petersburg at which town he remained about one week, thence to Williamsburg, thence to Hampton at which place he remained three months, thence to Portsmouth & remained there two months & was discharged & returned home to the County of Mecklenburg & remained about two or three months & was called out & drafted in the militia, & marched from Delaney's Ordinary under Colonel Burwell [Lewis Burwell], Captain Ellis & Lieutenant William Backeavill [William Baskerville?], marched through Petersburg remained there three or four days, thence to Gloucester & remained two months that he was at the Surrender of General Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] [October 19, 1781] & the next day after the Surrender of Wallis he was discharged, that he has the affidavit of Buckner Rainey proving his service also the affidavits of Williamson Rainey Senior,¹ Carrol Jones & Sherwood Smith,² the service as well as he remembers was performed in 1779 – or 1780 & 1781 –. He is known by Lewis Williams & Thomas Tanner³ who were both revolutionary soldiers & who also know that he was in the Army. He has no record of his age but remembers what he has heard his parents say – he hereby Relinquishes every Claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ John Jones, X his mark

I do hereby Certify that I solve Jones Jones [sic] (within named) marched as a Soldier from Delaney's Ordinary in the County of Mecklenburg Virginia. I do not recollect the Officer under which he marched, I saw him twice during his service in, first at Hampton & second time at

¹ [Williamson Rainey R8563](#)

² [Sherwood Smith S1591](#)

³ [Thomas Tanner R10391](#)

Portsmouth – my seeing him was caused by the sickness of my Brother Buckner Rainy who was with him, & who I obtained a furlough for & brought home, this tour I have no doubt lasted at least five months, as my brother remained that length & John Jones we left in service, I don't know how long he remained, but I think a month or more – I have been acquainted with John Jones for more than 50 years & believe all he has said in his declaration to be truth. Given under my hand this 16 day of October 1835.

S/ Williamson Rainy Senr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Williamson Rainy Senr." The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Attested in Mecklenburg County October 16, 1835]

I Sherwood Smith of the County of Mecklenburg Virginia do hereby Certify that John Jones within named served with me in the Revolutionary War during the Siege of York, under Captain Mabry (Colonel Burwell) this service I think was performed in the year 1781. Given under my hand this 2nd day of October 1835

S/ Sherwood Smith, X his mark

[Attested in Mecklenburg County October 2, 1835]

I Carrol Jones of the County of Mecklenburg Virginia aged seventy-three years do hereby Certify that my Brother John Jones served a Tour of upwards of five months at Hampton & Portsmouth that I went to see him when they are, in Company with Williamson Rainy who went after a sick brother, Buckner Rainey, the length of time prevents my remembering the Officers, I know that my Brother's services in all (both Tours) was upwards of seven months.

Given under my hand this 16 day of October 1835.

S/ Carrol Jones, X his mark

I do hereby Certify that John Jones served five months in the revolutionary war, in a Company commanded by Captain Anderson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ ; that the said Jones served 2 months at Gloucester under Captain Mabry & turned over to Captain Ellis in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Burwell, Given under my hand this 15th day of September 1832

S/ Buckner Rainey, X his mark