

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jones R5718

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State of Kentucky Bath County: Sct.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1847 personally appeared in open Court and now sitting in Bath County and State of Kentucky John Jones a resident of said State and County aged eighty-five years the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February next month he 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the services of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. I was called into actual Service by the orders of Captain Sowyel Woolfolk<sup>1</sup> I think in the 1783 or 1784 which year I cannot conclusively State but do State my time of service commenced under Captain Woodfolk [sic] in one of the years 83 or 84 – and was under his command as a Spy and Ranger for the term of three years. I first settled in the now County of Woodford near Governor Scott and near Kentucky River my services as Spy and Ranger were mostly in the defense of the Settlements from the falls of the Ohio now Louisville up to Lexington and then below Louisville and so down to Harrodsburg I was close in pursuit of the Indians when they kill the son of Governor Scott on the Kentucky River they also killed a man named Valentine at the same time they killed young Scott. I as the Spy gave immediate information to Captain Woolfolk he and his company went in pursuit of them we took the trail came to spot where the two men were killed crossed Kentucky River and pursued them but did not overtake them. We returned almost unable to travel from fatigue and starvation. John Craig was Lieutenant in Captain Woodfolk's Company and was a very efficient officer. I served as stated under Captain Woodfolk and afterwards Colonel Sowyel Woodfolk as Spy and Ranger three years through Heats Colds Starvation and Nakedness a pint of Parched Corn was often three-day provision often I had nothing but love and corn on forced marches to Captain Woodfolk I was appointed and so was George Corn or Cobhorn we were often together Corn or Cobhorn ranged and spied in the upper part of the State as well as the lower part both of us appointed by Captain Woolfolk at the same time. George Corn was in the battle of the blue licks [August 19, 1782] and was shot through his mouth or Jaws he was as brave a man as any man in his day he feared no Indians & also volunteered to go with Colonel Clark's [George Rogers Clark's] Regiment to go on an expedition against the Indians. We rendezvoused at Frankford Kentucky and marched to meet Colonel Clark at Louisville where we joined Clark's Regiment. I went as a volunteer with Colonel Clark against the Indians we marched across the country

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*George R. Woolfolk*

through a very swampy wet over formed [?] Country of land until we came to post Vincen [Vincennes] (now Vincennes)<sup>2</sup>, we encamped near that place about ten days. During that time to Colonel Clark and we took a number [of] Indians prisoners I think thirty or more after this we again took up a line of march to go further into the backcountry but owing to the fact that our provisions were all et up and consumed Colonel Clark marched us back to the Ohio opposite Louisville where we were discharged. I received a discharge but I have long since lost or mislaid it. I have not seen it for many years it was given to me by Captain Morrison the Captain of my company. I served under Colonel Clark in his expedition on the Wabash a tour of service about three months from the day of rendezvous to the day of Discharge.

I further state that the close of my services under Colonel Sowyel Woodfolk I did not get my Discharge nor did I get a discharge from him and having removed to Bath County where I now live I did not see him for many years. I called on him in Woodford County in July 1815 and after the usual ceremonies and conversation about our services I asked him to give me something to show for my services while I was under his command as a Spy and Ranger. Colonel Woodfolk then made out and gave me the certificate which I hereunto attached to my application and rely upon as full and ample evidence of my service in manner as set forth in in this my application. I further state I know of man living by whom I can prove my services. The last man who I knew who did serve with me was Roger Clemmons and old Brother soldier who died about five years since. I therefore rely on the certificate given to me by Colonel Sowyel Woodfolk in 1815 for proof of my services.

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, this being his first Application.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Jones



[Asa Maxey, a clergyman, and W. M. Sudduth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Woodford County 18<sup>th</sup> of July 1815

This is to Certify that Mr. John Jones now of Bath County in the yearly settling of this State served in my Company about 3 years and for the most part of the time he served as a spy and Ranger and was active in pursuing the Indians whenever we could learn of their Committing murders or being in the Settlement. And that he served as a volunteer in the Army Commanded by General Clark against the Indians on the Wabash.

Given under my hand

Col. Sowyel Woolfolk

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<sup>2</sup> George Rogers Clark led an expedition against of Vincennes in February 1779 but whether or not this is the engagement to which this veteran refers, is not clear to me.

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And the said court having propounded the interrogatories for a pension on account of services as Spy with Colonel Sowyel Woodfolk and volunteer under Colonel Clark

Q. Where and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in North Carolina Roan County [Rowan County]

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

Ans. I have the record of my age taken from my Father's Bible which is set forth in my application.

Q. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since and where do you now live

Ans. I lived in the now County of Woodford when called into service I then moved [to] Madison County then moved [to] Bath County where I now live and have lived 54 years past.

Q. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute

[Ans.] I was called into service by order of Colonel Woodfold [sic] and by him appointed as a Spy and Ranger and volunteered under Captain Marson and Lieutenant John Craig and commanded by Colonel Clark

[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 services

[Ans.] My services having been as a Spy and Volunteer under Colonel Clark and much detailed

in my Application I further state Captain Robert Sanders was with us as Captain of a company with Colonel Clark at the surrender of Vincent and Captain Marson and many more not now recollected.

[Q.] Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

[Ans.] I received a discharge from Captain Marson for my services under Colonel Clark which was lost or mislaid so that I have not seen it for many years. I never got a discharge from Colonel Woodfolk at the time of Discharging his men but called on him a number of years afterwards and he gave me from his own hand a certificate of my services performed.

[Q.] 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 as a soldier of the revolution

[Ans.] I will state the names of Sunnet Young a man who I have been acquainted with for 40 years and also the name of Doctor Odd S. Bigstaff whom I have been acquainted with for the last 12 years also the name of Putnam Ewing whom I was acquainted with 4 more than 30 Ewing [sic years]

[Sims Young, Odd S. Bigstaff and Putnam Ewing gave another standard supporting affidavit.]