

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Jones<sup>1</sup> R5722

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State of South Carolina, Anderson District

On this fourth day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas of said State for said District now in session Josiah Jones of the State & District aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 --

This Deponent was born in Cumberland County Virginia about the year 1752 -- as well as he recollects -- having no record of his age -- he entered the service about the year 1775 as an enlisted Soldier -- and Captain Smith the recruiting officer -- and given up by him to Captain Cavill's [Samuel Jordan Cabell of the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continentals] Company -- Colonel Buckner [Mordecai Buckner of the 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia Continentals] -- General Lewis [Brigadier General Andrew Lewis]. Served two years under those officers but in no engagement -- after that he volunteered with a company all of whom deserted but three to go on an expedition to Stono -- under Colonel Hampton [Andrew Hampton], General McDowell [Charles McDowell] -- in one engagement upon Packolet [sic, Pacolet River] near the line of North & South Carolina -- with the British & Tories he served three months in that tour -- he again volunteered under Captain Kirkendall [Captain Abraham Kuykendall] in the Light Horse merely for the purpose of scouting through the Country served forty days -- he served as an armorer -- repairing arms, making swords, and shoeing horses for two years under General McDowell -- never remunerated for his service as armorer -- he volunteered to go against the Cherokees under Captain Watson -- in service 26 days -- This Deponent believes himself to have been in the service more than two years -- he says he had a written discharge from the regular Service -- which was burnt in his house with all other papers -- he has never received any compensation for his Services -- knows of no direct proof of his Service which he can offer but what accompanies this document -- he removed from Virginia at first to Burke then to Rutherford North Carolina then to Greenville South Carolina -- after that to Anderson where he has been living for 34 years -- Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of March 1834 -- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State -- Sworn to and Open Court.

S/ Josiah Jones, X his mark

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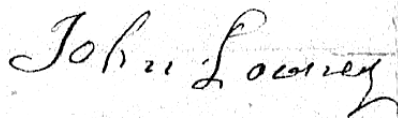
<sup>1</sup> This MAY be the same man as [Josiah Jones VAS1476](#) but there is nothing in that man's Virginia file that conclusively ties his this veteran.

S/ Vance Lawhorn, CC

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I John Looney<sup>2</sup> do hereby certify that I was acquainted with the applicant Josiah Jones and that he with myself belonged to and served in the 6th Regiment of regulars in Virginia -- in the year 1776 -- I served with him six months and knew him well and have known him since & believes him to have been a true Whig -- Sworn to in open Court day & year aforesaid  
In Open Court

S/ John Looney



S/ Vance Lawhon

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Samuel Earle<sup>3</sup> declares on oath in open court that he has known the applicant Josiah Jones near Forty years. He has had the reputation of having been a soldier of the Revolution. From circumstances he has related to me at the commencement of our acquaintance, I feel satisfied that he was in an engagement in the neighborhood in which this Deponent was on parole.  
Sworn to day & year aforesaid

In Open Court

S/ Van A. Lawhon, CC

S/ Samuel Earle



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State of South Carolina, Anderson District

Personally appeared before me Josiah Jones and made oath to the following fact the explanation of his original application for the benefit of the Act of Congress June 1832 made in open Court 4th March 1833 This Deponent has already stated his age and birthplace although the original record of the latter has not been preserved yet when twelve years of age he was informed of his age by his mother and since that time has preserved the account --

In his original application he produced no clergyman to certify for him because he believed it unnecessary when direct proof could be had. He cannot now produce any proof of the time of his enlistment or its duration -- as he has no knowledge of any other human being now alive than John Looney who served with him during that time -- His enlistment must have been in June 1775 as he recollects distinctly that it was a short time before the battle at Bunkers Hill -- at this time he lived in Virginia His three months tour was commenced in July 1780 living then in Rutherford County North Carolina --

His tour under Captain Kirkendall was in January 1778 --

By reason of his old age and consequent loss of memory he is not able to state more definitively than he has done the periods of the war in which he served.

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<sup>2</sup> [John Looney S1553](#) [Looney, in his own application, says nothing about having served first in the Regulars in Virginia.]

<sup>3</sup> [Samuel Earle S21174](#)

Sworn to & subscribed February 21st, 1834 Before me

S/ Josiah Jones, x his mark

S/ Joseph in Whitner, NP & QW Ex off.

[Drury Hutchins, a clergyman, and David Sloan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to Josiah Jones                      pp 8  
Audited Account No. 4111A

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Petition of Josiah Jones praying for a Pension  
Pensions  
Whitner

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To the Honourable the President and Members of the Senate &  
The Speaker and Members of the General Assembly of South Carolina

The Petition of the subscriber humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner served Two years in the Sixth Regiment of Regulars in the Virginia Line, after the service there was ended he moved to No. Carolina & Served different Tours in the Militia of that State, & being a Black Smith by Trade was the principal part of Three years employed in making Swords & Shoeing Horses for the Troops, for which he never rec'd anything like an adequate compensation & having experienced thro' life many Misfortunes and above all the most distressing of any, almost the entire loss of sight & having no property or Relations from Whom he can claim any assistance, he is compelled very Reluctantly to throw himself on the clemency of his Country in hopes they will grant him such Relief as they think proper and as in duty Bound he will ever pray.

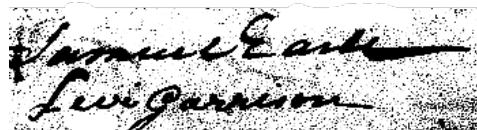
13<sup>th</sup> October 1830

S/ Josiah Jones, X his mark

We certify That Mr. Jones has nearly lost his eye sight and, is as poor and helpless as he can be, as no Relations he can claim any assistance from

S/ Samuel Earle

S/ Levi Garrison

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is 'Samuel Earle' and the bottom signature is 'Levi Garrison'. The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

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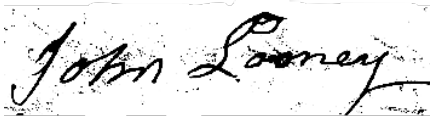
To all to Whome this Cometh greeting  
in the year One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy six I became Acquainted With Josiah Jones, Who was then a Soldier in the Sixth Ridgment in the State of Virgeny and he is now living

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<sup>4</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

near me in Anderson County South Carolina and I know him to be Old and very Infirm and not able to Support himself With Out the aid of Benevelince and I do think it Would be duty in the government to help him. Given under my hand this 29 Oct. 1830

S/ John Looney



Personly appeared before me One of the Justises of the peace for Anderson Dist. John Looney and being duly Swon according to due forme of low Sayeth the above is true.

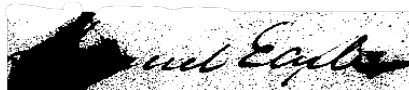
Sworn to before me this 29 day of Octr. 1830

S/ Levi Garris j of the qren [justice of the quorum?]



Mr. Josiah Jones says & I have no doubt that it's true that he was in Under the Command of General Charles McDowell of No. Carolina Immediately on the line between the two States probably a part of the Troops in each State when Capt. Dunlap [James Dunlap] of the British Mounted Infantry made a charge on him the troops under McDowell kept the ground,<sup>5</sup> & next morning, pursued Dunlap nearly twenty Mile[s] in the South almost to Where he was then quartered he further says of the truth of which I have no doubt that he served frequently under Capt. Andrew Hampton of Rutherford County No. Carolina who to my own knowledge done a great deal of duty in So. Carolina.

S/ Samuel Earle



24<sup>th</sup> October

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South Carolina Anderson District} Personally appeared Josiah Jones before me an acting Justice for sd District and after being duly Sworn according to Law Saith that all the property he the deponent owns is one bead [bed] and furniture four Smith hammers & one pare [pair] of tongs which property is all the deponent is worth neither has he any debts or demands against any person whereby he Can be supported.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1830

S/ Robert Holland, Q. U.

S/ Josiah Jones, X his mark

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Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Petition of Josiah Jones

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Senate, December 1, 1830

Resolved that the Senate agreed to the report, & reject the petition

S/ Job Johnston, C. S.

Tomorrow

<sup>5</sup> Earle's Ford, July 15, 1780 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_earles\\_ford.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_earles_ford.html)

Agreed to & Petition rejected

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Josiah Jones praying for a pension

Report – That they have had the same under Consideration, & from the Petitioner's own showing that he served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Regulars in the Virginia line and in the Militia of North Carolina and of Course is entitled to a pension from the federal government or the State of North Carolina but shows no Claim to compensation for military service done under the officers of this State. They therefore respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

S/ D. R. Evans, Chair.