

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthew Jones R5729

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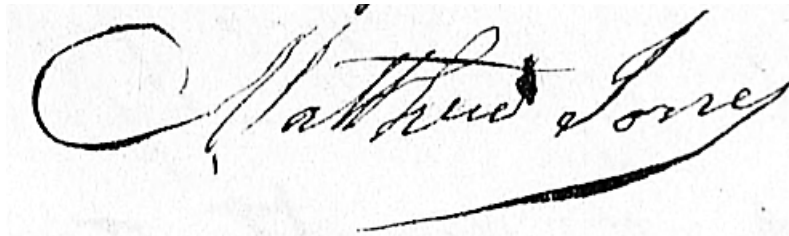
Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 made before the Inferior Court of Putnam County [Georgia] in Chambers

On this the eighteenth day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of Putnam County (In Chambers) Matthew Jones, a resident of the State of Georgia & Putnam County, aged seventy-two years on the 29 of August 1832, who first being 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 United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated -- The officer commanding the Regiment was Colonel Seawell [Benjamin Seawell] of the militia the Captain commanding the company was George Bledsoe, the time of entering the service is not recollected, but it is thought to be in the year 1777 or 1778 -- the time of discharge as appears from the annexed discharge is the 15 June 1781, but he thinks that he had completed his tour of service 12 months before he received it -- he resided in Franklin County North Carolina at the time of entering the service: -- was a volunteer, or as was then called, "enlisted" -- was not engaged in any battle whatever -- The troops were employed in scouting in pursuit of the Tories towards Cape Fear [River] -- subject to the call of Colonel Washington [presumably a reference to William Washington], but he never called upon us -- We were not associated with any other Regiments either Continental or militia -- He furnishes his discharge hereto, & knows of no one living who can testify as to his services. 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 the agency of any State. The term of his service was twelve months -- Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Irby Hudson, JIC

S/ Matthew Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Matthew Jones". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The first letter 'M' is large and ornate, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right. The name 'Jones' follows in a similar cursive style.

S/ Irby Hudson, JIC

S/ James Nickelson, JIC

S/ Jas. M. Dunn, JIC

[Adiel [?] Sherwood, a clergyman, and John C. Mason gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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To the first interrogatory proposed by the war Department he answers -- I was born 29 August 1760 in Isle of Wight County Virginia on James River --

To the 2nd he answers -- That he has no record of his age & all that he knows respecting it was obtained from his mother

To the 3rd he answers -- I lived in Franklin County North Carolina at the time of going into the service -- after the war, I moved to the same County in which I was born in Virginia & lived there 3 years -- I have then returned to North Carolina -- remained there 3 years & moved to Georgia. I have been living there ever since & reside in Putnam County in that state at this time

To the 4th he answers, I went into the service as a volunteer, then called "enlisted soldier" --

To the 5th he answers, I was in no engagement during the twelve months of my service. The Regiment to which I belonged was employed to scour the country about Cape Fear & between that & Tar River in pursuit of the Tories -- & it was understood that if called for we were to go with Colonel Washington, but he never called on us --

To the 6th he answers, I received a discharge signed by Benj. Seawell, which I have hereto annexed --

To the 7th, I refer to Irby Hudson, Henry Bradshaw, Dr. Thos Hoxey [?], Robert Bledsoe, Jas M Dunn, James A. Meriwether & Mark A. Cooper.

S/ Matthew Jones

S/ Irby Hudson, JIC

S/ James Nickelson, JIC

S/ Jas M. Dunn, JIC

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State North Carolina

Franklin County      This is to Certify that Matthew Jones having performed his tower of militia duty in the Light horse Service he is therefore discharged given under my hand this 15th December 1781

S/ Benj. Seawell, Colo.

A handwritten certificate on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "State of Carolina } Franklin County } This is to Certify that Matthew Jones having performed his tower of militia duty in the Light horse Service he is therefore discharged given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> Decr 1781". At the bottom right, it is signed "Benj Seawell Colo Franklin County".

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The amendatory affidavit of Matthew Jones to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

Georgia Putnam County

Matthew Jones being brought before & being sworn saith, that the time of his service was twelve months as he has before stated in his first declaration -- he was a private -- He was first assembled in camp at Peter Goodwin's House cross roads Franklin County North Carolina -- seven miles from Lewisburg [sic, Louisburg] -- he then marched down towards Cape Fear passing through & about Nash -- Wake & other County name not recollected The Colonel's Station over upon Crabtree Creek & whenever we captured any of the Tories they were carried to his Quarters -- at all other times, except the occasional visit thus stated to the Colonel's quarters, we were out in scouting parties for twelve months -- I served but the one tour -- we were called into service by competent authority -- & I was not engaged in any civil service during that time. Not damaged mind will not permit me to recite more fully any other particulars. Sworn to before us and Chambers this 6th April 1833 --

S/ Josiah Flournoy, JIC

S/ Matthew Jones

S/ Josiah Flournoy, JIC

S/ Waid Hill, JIC

S/ Jas M. Dunn, JIC

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Georgia

Putnam County

Matthew Jones, having been sworn saith that the circumstance of his twelve months service in the Revolutionary War were as follows Colonel Seawell had been instructed to raise a company of volunteers -- Captain Bledsoe was appointed to their command -- they were raised with the understanding that they should serve twelve months: were first employed in guarding the public granary, were sent out in occasional scouting parties & when raised it was understood -- that they were to be sent to Colonel Washington if ever called for by him, & until they were thus called for, they were to be employed, as before stated -- It was unusual during the war to raise companies for such comparatively great length of time, but the company to which this deponent was attached did Serve the length of time of which he has spoken, & other companies served as he then understood 18 months -- The Company was never called for by Colonel Washington, & the service was continued accordingly as before stated -- The Head Quarters of the Troops I have before stated, they were made in the immediate neighborhood of our residence, & on account of an opportunity frequently of seeing our friends as we might so long as we remained there -- we consented to serve the twelve months -- besides, if we served only three months tours we were liable to changes of officers which we were exempt from, under the arrangement made -- And this deponent further states that he was continually in service during the 12 months of which he has spoken -- He further states, that to the best of his recollection there never was any Company of Light horse raised (He knew of several) which were raised for as short a time as three months -- it was in that kind of service that his time was consumed. This deponent is unable to make any further statement as to the particulars of his service. He was employed in scouting parties & to relate any more of the particulars from such a transient service would be taxing his memory further than it is capable of bearing him out -- He entered the service in last of January or first of February 1777 or '78 & served until last of January of the

next year -- it constituted one tour only. His services were in the field mostly; the Corps was called into service by competent authority, & was in efficient one in keeping down the Tories -- He performed a great part of the service in Nash, Franklin, & Wake Counties & others adjoining Nash & Wake Counties -- The whole of the Company was never sent out at once -- A part was Constantly at head Quarters to protect the public property -- whenever it was deemed advisable or necessary a scouting party was sent out, which remained out from 7 to 20 days or more, as emergencies required, & when they returned were permitted to remain put a short time before another party was sent out -- The object was to protect the public granaries & to extend as much protection to the citizens as possible against the trespasses of the Tories. The deponent did not seek or enjoy any civil office during the said 12 months.

Sworn to & subscribed this 13th of August 1833

S/ Matthew Jones

S/ Waid Hill, JIC

S/ Josiah Flournoy, JIC