

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Jones R5738

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State of Alabama, County of Tuscaloosa: SS

On this 10th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Marmaduke Williams Judge of the County Court for the said County now sitting Reuben Jones a resident of the State & County aforesaid aged 66 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the year 1766 on the Hills of Santee Craven County South Carolina 20 miles from Cainbden [sic, Camden?] on the Charleston Road -- at which place he continued to reside until the war, & at about the close of his 13th year in the fall of the year 1779 he volunteered under a press Master whose name was James McCormick acting as was understood in behalf of the United States troops & Army, and authorized so to do by General Richardson [Richard Richardson]: He did not engage in any particular period of service, but served that Fall and winter something more than four months. This service consisted of driving livestock to Moncks Corner; at which place it was butchered & thence carried by water to Charleston -- for this Service he received no pay.

The next fall (1780) and after Gates defeat<sup>1</sup> he joined Marion [Francis Marion] under Captain Nettles [William Nettles] for an unlimited service, & was with him through the fall of '80 and winter of '81 and the whole about two or three months; he was while thus engaged in the Battle or skirmish of Rights Bluff [sic, Wright's Bluff, also known as Fort Watson #1, February 24, 1781 or Fort Watson #2, April 16, 1781]<sup>2</sup> on Santee River, it is sometimes called Scott's Lake & sometimes Fort Watson. After this he returned home, & in the spring of '81 he engaged as a Waggoner under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and served as such till fall. He was not far off when the Battle [of] Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] occurred, & was there with others guarded by Captain Nettles. In the fall of 1781 he was engaged as an Express [rider] by James McCormick who acted under the authority of General Greene, while acting as an express he performed a great deal of dangerous service, when not immediately acting he stayed at the house of said McCormick who was his uncle by marriage -- & this affiant an Orphan.

He was afterwards employed to carry a Flag to Charleston to procure the release of an

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<sup>1</sup> Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_watson\\_1.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_1.html)  
[http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_watson\\_2.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_2.html)

orphan child that was there which was near the close of the war & nearly completes his service, which altogether amounts to about the time of twenty-two months. Since the close of the War he has made several removals, and for some years has been a citizen of the State of Alabama Tuscaloosa County.

That he has no Register of his age, but from information in various incidents he does not doubt of being 66 years & stated, he has no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed this 10th December 1832

S/ John A. Hodges, Clerk

S/ Reuben Jones, X his mark

[Thomas A. Smith, a clergyman and Benjamin Fontaine gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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To the Senate & House of Representatives of United States

Your Petitioner Reuben Jones humbly represents unto your humble body: That he was a Revolutionary Soldier in the manner that he has set forth to the War Department and which document accompanies this, his petition. The act of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832 seems not to embrace his case, and however meritorious his service may have been he is excluded from the common compensation which old age is now receiving for the patriotism & services of youth.

Predicating his claim upon the facts set forth in his petition to the War Department, and their denial of it, he now humbly prays the Congress of the United States to allow him such compensation for his support as may be reasonable. – He is old, infirm; his family grown up, & left him; & though not in absolute want, yet his circumstance[s] are narrow and limited.

He prays a favorable reception to this his petition and as in duty bound he will ever pray &c

S/ Reuben Jones, X his mark

[p 11: Petition signed by a large number of men in support of Jones' reputation and seeking a pension on his behalf.]

State of Alabama Tuscaloosa County

By way of supplement to his former declaration in order to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832: Reuben Jones states on oath, to the first interrogatory required by the war department: That he was born in the year 1766 on the Hills of Santee Craven County South Carolina 20 miles from Camden on the Charleston Road.

To the Second: He states that he has no Record of his age, but he does not doubt from various incidents that his age is the same as stated in his original declaration.

To the third: he answers that he engaged in the at the same place or neighborhood of his birth: and since the war, he has lived in Georgia since some time from thence he removed to this State Alabama where he now resides in the County of Tuscaloosa

To the fourth: he says his Services were at all times as a volunteer, and that his services were such as stated in his original declaration; and comprised the time of at least 22 months. For this he was not engaged upon any private pay or reward, but in the public service, nor has he received at any time any compensation therefore.

To the fifth: he answers that his original declaration affords a general information, so as to form as good an answer thereto as he can from age & loss of memory be capable of making.

To the sixth: he says that he did not at any time receive a written discharge, as far as he recollects.

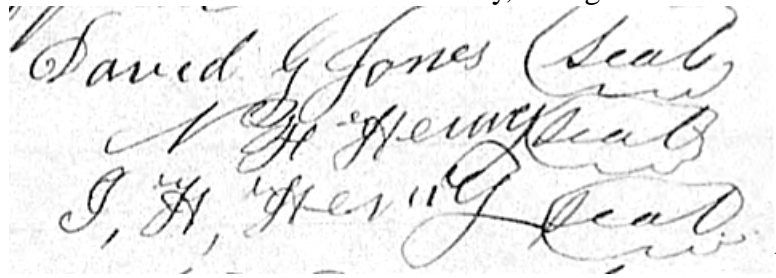
To the seventh: He says the answers are found in his original statement, though he does firmly believe that he could not find in his neighborhood a single individual who holds a different opinion from the one expressed in his favor by the Reverend Mr Smith & Mr Fontaine.

State of Alabama County Court of Tuscaloosa I Marmaduke Williams Judge of the Court aforesaid do hereby certify that on this day Reuben Jones appeared before me & made oath that the facts stated in the above answers to questions prescribed by the War department are true.

Witness my hand & seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1833

S/ M. D. Williams, Judge

[p 3: On November 23, 1852, David G. Jones, 52, Nancy Hemy [could be Nancy Henry], 47, wife of James H. Hemy [could be James H. Henry], filed a claim and power of attorney in which they state that they are the children of Reuben Jones and his wife Rebecca; that their father died February 1, 1836; that their mother died November 13, 1843; that their parents were married in 1788 while residents of Wilkes County, Georgia.



David G. Jones (Seal)  
Nancy Hemy (Seal)  
J. H. Hemy (Seal)