

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Britain (Britton) Jones R5739

Rhoda Jones

f36NC

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District of North Carolina

On this 16th day of November 1818, before made the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the said district, personally appeared Britain Jones, aged about fifty-seven years, resident of Pitt County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress, is entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Britain Jones, in or about the year 1781 he enlisted in Martinborough (Pitt County) in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded, as well as he can now recollect a Captain Cartright [sic] or Carter [Benjamin Carter], of the 10th Regiment, in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment, for twelve months; that he continued to serve in the said Continental service of the United States, generally as a waiter to Colonel Armstrong [perhaps Col. James Armstrong of Pitt County NC]¹, until the end of his enlistment, when he was discharged from service in Camden in the State of South Carolina; which discharge is lost, that he was in no battle; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of your Country for support.

Sworn to & declared before me, the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, JUSNC

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North Carolina District

Giles Nelson² maketh oath that he knew the aforesaid Britain Jones in the revolutionary war, & saw him for some time (but for what time he cannot say) in the service of the United States, in said war, as a soldier in the Continental Service, under Colonel Armstrong. That he never heard of his leaving the service before his time ended; and that he believes the said Britain served nine months & more in said service – and that said Britain is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn to before me the 16th of November 1818.

S/ H. Potter, JUSNC

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Names & Rank	Companies	Dates of Enlistment	Periods of Service	Occurrences
10 th Regiment Abraham Sheppard Colonel Britton Jones pt. [private] Carter's 25 th Apl. 81 12				

¹ This MAY be Lt. Col. John Armstrong of the 8th NC Continental Regiment. Col. James Armstrong is believed to have retired from service on half pay in January 1781.

² [Giles Nelson S7263](#)

mos. Left Service 25 Aprl 82

North Carolina Secretary's Office 16th of November 1818

This Certifies that the above is a true abstract from the muster roll of the North Carolina line in the Revolutionary war. Given under my hand this 16th of November 1818

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 13th April 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterroll of the North Carolina Continental Line in the Revolutionary war that Britain Jones a private in said Line enlisted under Captain Carter of the 10th Regiment on the 25th of April 1781, for twelve months and left the service on the 25th of April 1782.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina, Pitt County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1823

On this 5th day of August 1823 personally appeared in open court being a court Record for the County of Pitt (expressly made so by the law of the State) Britton Jones resident in said County aged 64 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of the 18th of March 1818 the 1st May 1820 and the 1st of March 1823 that he the said Britton Jones enlisted for the term of one year, the month and year he cannot recollect (being unlearned and having to trust to memory) but believes it was in 1780 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain ___ Yarborough [Edward Yarborough] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Armstrong in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the Corps until (he believes) October 1781 when he was discharged from the said service on Dan River in the State of Virginia, that an about four weeks after he was discharged he again enlisted [in] the service he does not recollect the name of either the Captain or Colonel as he was in attendance on Lieutenant Thomas Dudley and in the hospital during most of the time, that he continued to serve for about fourteen months and was then discharged at Camden in the State of South Carolina – And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, Viz:

4 shoats	worth	\$6
1 pine table		1
1 pot small		.50
1 sieve		.20
1 tray		.25
1 washing tub and pail		1
4 plates and 2 tin basins		.60
6 spoons (iron)		.80
2 planes & 3 augers		1
1 handsaw, 1 hammer		.50

1 axe

1
\$12.35

Witness: S/ M. Dickenson [sic]

S/ Britton Jones, x his mark

That since the exhibition of my first schedule,³ the following changes have been made in my property. One horse sold for \$15, paid in a for in corn I have some knowledge of the trade of Wheelwright but from the weakness of my eyes am unable to work at it. -- I have living with me a wife about fifty years old and a child eleven years old.

Witness: S/ M. Dickinson

S/ Britton Jones, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Pitt County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions November Term on this the 5th day of November 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Pitt written Jones resident in said County aged 67 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress in the year 1818 and 1820 and 1823. That he the said Britain Jones enlisted under Colonel James Armstrong as a waiter in the year 1780 at Martinsborough now called Greenville Pitt County N. C. at I believe eight dollars per month for the term of twelve months and marched from Greenville to Hillsboro N. C. and then was returned under Captain Yarborough at Hillsborough in I believe the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina Line then marched to Jonesborough [?] SC and from there to Dan River where I was discharged by Colonel Bell. After that I served twelve months more under Captain Sharpe [Anthony Sharpe], in the 5th Regiment of North Carolina I believe in the Continental Army the Colonel I do not recollect and was discharged in Camden South Carolina after the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] by Lieutenant Dudley who was wounded in the aforesaid battle and in the Hospital at Camden where I was a waiter where I was discharged, my discharge I have lost, and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what I can labor for which I am so afflicted by the rheumatism that I am not able to get a support by my labor. I am by occupation a farmer and have a wife aged 55 years and one or 12 years of age though with myself being all my family, and I further declare that I was inscribed on the pension list late of the North Carolina Agency and numbered 9768 and received my pay the fourth of September 1819. I further swear that I filed my Schedule in the County Court of it November Term 1820 and the Clerk of said Court promise me to send it on which I suppose he failed to do of the following property 100 acres pine land valued at \$80 with no improvements, 1 sow and two shot [sic, shoats?], [?] plow \$1—1 club Ax 75¢, 1 Hatchet 5/--1 hand saw 10/--1 drawing knife 5/--three Augers 7/6, 1 lott of old Trumprery [?] \$1.20, 1 weeding hoe 60¢, 2 washing Tubs 80¢, 1 case knives 4/--1 pail \$1—1 dy shovel 7/6—2 peats 1/--1 dish 3/--1 pepper box 1/--1 bason 4/--1 pail 2/6, 1 gare [?] 2/--1 pr bards 7/6, 1 old abl [?] 2/12, Guggs [?] 3/ --1 gun \$6, some pottery 5/, 1 wheal [sic, wheel?] 18/6, 3 bowls 30¢, all amounting to \$102. 35 of which property there has been since that Time the following alteration my land I sold to help support on to Robert Dickson [sic, "Robert Dixon" is how he signed his name to a supporting affidavit] for \$80 payable \$30 in cash

³ The file does not contain an earlier schedule.

the balance in provisions – which I will more fully here After make appear – no other Alteration in my property the amount now on hand is valued at the same say \$22.35. I further declare that I have a wife aged 55 years a daughter 12 years and myself 67 all being unable by affliction to get a support and that I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my Country. Sworn to in open Court this the 5th day of November 1824 and subscribed.

S/ George Evans, Clerk

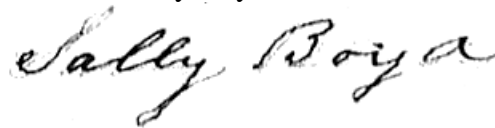
S/ Britan Jones, X his mark [sic]

State in North Carolina, County of Pittsylvania Be it known that before me a Justice of the Peace in & for said County & State personally appeared Sally Boyd wife of Samuel Boyd and made oath in due form of law that she is the only child & heir at law of Britain Jones deceased & Rhoda Jones his wife deceased the said Britain Jones deceased the identical person who was a pensioner & is now dead & to whom a certificate of pension was issued which is herewith surrendered, that the deceased pensioner resided in the County of Pitt – and State of North Carolina for the space of more than 50 years before his death. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the arrearage of pension & the pension to which her mother Rhoda Jones deceased was entitled under the various acts of Congress in such cases made & provided her mother the said Rhoda Jones deceased never having been pensioned after the death of her husband the said Britain Jones deceased.

S/ John Warren, Witness

S/ S. F. Gillikin, Witness

S/ Sally Boyd

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally Boyd". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 17th day of April 1855

S/ W. L Laughinghouse, JP

[Britain Jones married Rhoda ? about 1810 in Pitt County, NC; he died April 17, 1847, Rhoda died November 11, 1849.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 16, 1818, for service for one year as a private in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow's heir's application for a pension was rejected.]