

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Jones R5750

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State of Tennessee, Weakley County: SS

On this 20th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John W. Cook Judge of the Circuit Court for the County aforesaid now sitting Thomas Jones a resident in the County & State aforesaid aged about eighty 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 7th 1832

That he (this Declarant) entered the service of the United States under the following named officers in Chatham County North Carolina in the year 1780 immediately after Charleston was taken by the British (but does not recollect the day or month) [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] as a volunteer private in the light horse troops under the command of John Butler General, Thomas Taylor Colonel, William McCalla [William McCauley] Major, & George Hodge Captain in which he served a tour of three months that they rendezvoused at Chatham Court house in North Carolina & marched on through Fayette [sic, Fayetteville?] by the Cheraw Hills near to Camden in South Carolina and then returned to Hillsboro in North Carolina where this Declarant was discharged but does not recollect what has become of his discharge -- that during this tour he was in no general engagement but had a good many skirmishes that a part of the troops to which he belonged was in the battle at Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] but this declarant was guarding some of the prisoners that were taken a short distance from the battleground & this Declarant further states that he furnished his own horse during the above tour. That in a short time after receiving his discharge he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the above named officers and served a tour of three months as a butcher & again during this term of service this declarant was employed on expresses for eight days & went to Salisbury & to Caraway [?] Mountains that he again received a discharge at Chatham Court house but does not know where it now is This Declarant states that he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service as aforesaid. That he had a record of his age in was born in Baltimore in Maryland on the 5th of November 1753 and lived there until he was 21 years old & then removed to Orange County in North Carolina and after living there for one year removed into Chatham County North Carolina where he continued to reside until he moved to this County about five or six years ago in which he now resides. This declarant 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 or if any only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Jones, X his mark

S/ Mears Warren, Clerk

[Thomas Ross, a clergyman, Vinson Austin & George McClain gave the standard supporting affidavit.]