

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jones R5757

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State of Tennessee, Carroll County: Circuit Court, November Term 1836

At a Circuit Court, begun and held for the County & State aforesaid, on the second Monday in November 1836 -- Judge John Read presiding -- there appeared in open Court, William Jones -- aged 81, and made oath to the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he has not heretofore applied for the benefits of said act, because he has thought it a matter of less importance in a pecuniary point of view, -- but being now old and infirm, and less able to support himself, having a large family also dependent upon him -- he is induced to make this application.

He states that he was born in \_\_\_ County, Virginia on July 20th, 1755 -- at an early age his Parents removed to what was then called Guilford County in the State of North Carolina and resided there (in the part called Rockingham after division of Guilford) until 1803, when he removed to Sumner County Tennessee -- where he resided until 1805, and afterwards came to this County, in which he has resided ever --

He states that he was drafted and entered the service of the United States as a private in the revolutionary war, under Captain O'Neal [Peter O'Neal] in Guilford County North Carolina and served out his tour of three months for which he was drafted -- He marched down the Yadkin River and crossed it, where it was called Pedee [River] -- and then joined General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] -- Soon after which Gates [Horatio Gates] & Rutherford's armies were united & marched to the engagement at Campden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]<sup>1</sup> -- in which our forces were routed & dispersed and this Declarant states that this, he supposes was the cause of the soldiers not being regularly discharged -- & not rallying again before his term had expired -- He states that this draft in the service occurred he thinks in the summer of 1780 -- or in the fall of that year --

He states that in 1781, in the beginning of the year, he volunteered, living in Guilford County, for an indefinite period of service as a private under Captain Phillips [Abraham Phillips] -- General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] commanded -- and was in this Service on the day of the battle of Guilford<sup>2</sup> -- having on the morning of that day 15th of March 81, then sent by the General -- along with Phillips together with others, on express for arms -- after this battle the Soldiers dispersed & went home. He states that his Services during this tour, as he verily believes amounted to more than three months -- but he is positive & swears they were that long --

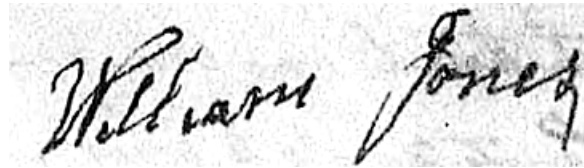
<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

This Declarant states that he was not, in the Service, he has just mentioned what was called a minute man -- having performed much of such service besides & for which he claims nothing -- He states that there was further service rendered by him, but in such short & indistinct tours -- and so long a period of time having elapsed he can't remember anything about them distinctly. He swears to six months service positively -- and knows that he is entitled to the benefits of the law providing for such services.

He states that he does not know of anyone living by whom he can prove his services those who were with him having dispersed or died so to be out of his reach -- He states that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency of any State in the United States whatever -- &c There is no minister of the gospel at Court who knows him, as he lives at a distance from the Court house.

S/ William Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jones". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

[David Moore, a JP, and Sion Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]