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Pension Application of Nicholas Jones S16169

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State of Kentucky                    }  Sct.  
Clarke [sic: Clark] County       }

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Richard French judge of the Clarke Circuit Court now sitting Nicholas Jones a resident of said County of Clarke and State of Kentucky aged 69 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. First he served one tour of four months and twenty four days in Captain James Johnson's Company of the Virginia Militia in Col. Holt Richardson's regiment, and General Edward Stevens brigade – General [Horatio] Gates being the commander in chief. During said tour he was in the battle at Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780], at which Gates was defeated. He entered said company of James Johnson on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1780 as a substitute for his father Griffin Jones, who had been drafted. Said Johnsons company was made up in Caroline County Virginia, where he and his father then resided and in which county he states he was born. The company rendezvoused at Hillsborough North Carolina where Stevens brigade was formed, and we marched from there, and joined General Gates' Army at Rudgley's [sic: Rugeley's] Mill South Carolina the day before the battle, and the next day we were defeated. He states that they collected together, after the defeat at Guilford Courthouse North Carolina where he was mustered into the Company of Capt Park Goodall [Parke Goodall], Capt. Johnson his former commander and a good part of the company having after said defeat returned home. Capt. Goodall's company was in Col. Falkners [Ralph Falkner's] regiment of Virginia Militia. Before he was discharged the Col. had left the regiment, or was absent for a short time, and Major Nathaniel Morris [Nathaniel Garsden Morris, pension application S36178] of said regiment on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 1780 gave him a written discharge which he still has in his possession and which is herewith transmitted. He states that the reason why he recollects the day he entered the service in said company of Capt Johnson was that it was his first tour, that he had been put out at service [as an apprentice?] by his father before the draft came on, and his father being drafted, he had to quit the service and fill his father's place, which circumstance called their attention particularly to the time he started. The subsequent tours he served he cannot recollect the exact day of the month he entered service, there being nothing to fix it in his mind, and it not making at any subsequent time, the same impression on him that his first Tour did.

The second tour he served was during only fourteen days. He entered the service sometime in the month of January 1781. He was drafted, and it was the first tour of his own that he was called upon to perform. He resided in the same county and was one of Capt. George Madison's Company in the regiment commanded by Col. Anthony Thornton. He was marched to New Castle in Hanover county in Virginia, where we were met by an express directing us to march to Port Royal in Caroline County, the British having gone up the Potomac. When we got to port Royal some further information was rec'd. which induced the Col. to dismiss us, being on duty only fourteen days. We were dismissed until the first of March following – at which time he was again mustered into the service in Capt Daniel Colman's [sic: Daniel Coleman's] Company in Col. Sampson Matthews [Sampson Mathews's] Regiment in General [Thomas] Nelson's Brigade of Virginia Militia and served for three months. The place of rendezvous was at Richmond Virginia. General Marquis LaFayette was the commander in chief. During said tour the army retreated from Richmond up to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County, where we met with General Waynes army [Anthony Wayne, 10 Jun 1781], and being so reinforced, our army advanced upon the British and they then retreated, when we had followed them into Louisa County. he was dismissed his time having expired. He received no discharge in writing being in his own State he was dismissed and directed to return home. Matthews Regiment was the third Virginia Regiment. He states that he cannot

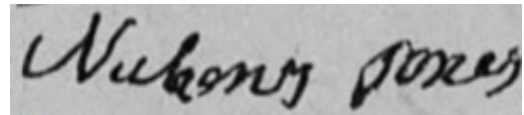
recollect the names of any of the regular officers but the commander he was called the Marquis. The regulars and militia joined very little together, and he has no recollection of the names of any of the regular officers except as he has stated.

The next and last tour he served was in the same year viz the year 1781. He then resided in the same county. He was drafted and entered into the service the last of July or first of August in Capt Anthony New's company of of Virginia Militia, in Colonel Benjamin Temple's Regiment in the brigade commanded by General Joseph Weeden [sic: George Weedon]; this tour he served three months. Weedens brigade collected together at Todds ware house in King and Queen County Virginia. From there we marched down to Glouster, where he remained until the surrender of Cornwallis in October [19<sup>th</sup>] 1781. The brigade in which he was, was stationed during the siege of Cornwallis across York river at what was called Gloucester. part of the French was on the same side with Weeden, they were commanded by a General by the name of Choise [sic: Gen. Claude Gabriel de Choisy] as well as he recollects. Washington was commander in Chief, but was on the other side of the river from where he was. After the surrender of Cornwallis, his company came up guarding the prisoners, and when he had reached the neighborhood of Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] he was dismissed his time having expired. That was the last service he has performed. He knows of no person living who can testify to these services more positively than his two brothers [Joseph Jones and John Jones] who were both younger than him, and being at home know that he was out during the revolutionary war. He states that he was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1762 in Caroline County and State of Virginia. He has a record of his age in a family Book in which his father kept and recorded the ages of his children which book is now at his house in Clarke County and State of Kentucky where he has lived near fourteen years. In the fall of 1784 he moved from Caroline County Virginia to Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] County in the same state, and lived there until the year 1811. In that year he moved to Kentucky and has lived in this State ever since – and near fourteen years of the time in Clarke County. He states that he is well known to the judge of this court, to the Honourable James Clarke, late a member of Congress, and Chilton Allan the present member, who can all testify as to his character for veracity, although they know nothing on the subject of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He states that his whole service in the revolution was eleven months and eight or ten days

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 and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

Nickens Jones



Nicolas Jones is Discharged from his Tower of Duty in Gen. Stephens Brigade of Militia 1<sup>st</sup> Virg. Regmt. Oct'r. 31<sup>st</sup> 1781

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