

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Jones S16172

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The State of Ohio } Ss.

Clermont County }

On this 12th day of May 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of Clermont County State of Ohio now in session William Jones a resident of the County of Clermont in said State aged Sixty nine 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 enlisted in the army of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated in the year 1780 with Captain Floyd [sic: Major Joseph Cloyd] in Montgomery County & State of Virginia in he believes from inform[ation] he has received the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of [the] Continental line under the following named officers Captain Floyd the names of the other officers not remembered excepting general Mullenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] who commanded him while he lay at Winchester Va. and Captain Basterfield [probably Baskerville] who also commanded being at Winchester Va. and at a garrison in Cumberland County Va. He enlisted in the early part of the year (month not rembered) of the year 1780 for "during the war" [see endnote] and continued in service until the war ended and he was discharged he thinks in november of the year 1783 at Winchester Va. has[?] a written discharge signed by Captain Basterfield which discharge has been for many years since lost or mislaid [This] Declarant was engaged in a battle on the Yadkin River in North Carolina not far from a place called the Shallow ford of the Yadkin under Captain Floyd with a party of Tories & British [14 Oct 1780]. There was at the battle two companies of riflemen on commanded by Captain Floyd the other commanded by a Captain whose name is not remember, but who was killed by a musket shot [Capt. Henry Francis] [two or three illegible words] engagement the Americans beat the British in this engagement. The battle commenced about the middle of the day ~~and lasted better than one~~ When he enlisted he marched with his company to place called fort Chisel [sic: Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County VA] where they staid some time & then marched into North Carolina. Went to Hooslier[?] town then to Salem then back to Hooslier Town then back to Virginia to a garrison in Cumberland county & from there to Winchester Va. where declarant staid the best part of two years guarding the Hessian prisoners. He never served but under the one enlistment & always served as a private excepting occasional appointments for a day as corporal on some special 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

William hisXmark Jones

State of Ohio County of Clermont SS

On this 29 day of August AD 1851 personally came before me a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, William Jones aged Eighty four (84) Years a resident of said County and State, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration to wit 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, to wit, sometime in the early part of the Year AD 1780, I volunteered as a substitute for my Father whose name was William James in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Floyd, for the term of three months; that at this time I was not more than fifteen or sixteen years of age, but my Father having volunteered, (although infirm) and his care and attention being much needed by his family at home, I was accepted in his place, That this volunteering took place in the or near the town of County of Montgomery State of Virginia, That he continued in actual service three months as such said Volunteer, that during that time he was marched to North Carolina, was at Hoover Town and Salem, and was engaged in a battle that was fought in said North Carolina near the Shallow

ford of the Yadkin River, That at the close of his said Three months services he enlisted for during the war at Cumberland City. Cumberland County Virginia, under Captain Basterfield, and was placed in what was called the 9 Regiment of Virginia troops. That he has forgotten the names of all his officers except the Captain as aforesaid, and a Sargent whose name was Holt. That from Cumberland City he was taken to Winchester Virginia, at which place he was stationed to guard the Hessians, prisoners of War, taken he thinks at Trenton New Jersey [see endnote] at which place he was discharged at the close of the war by a written discharge, which he has lost— that he recollects that one (he thinks prominent) officer resigned his office at Winchester Virginia about one year after he enlisted, but he disremembers his name, That he does not know that any other troops were stationed at Winchester during the time he was there, at least he has no recollection thereof — that his memory does not serve him as to the names of any of his fellow soldiers except the Captain – Sargent Holt and one Joseph Moss – none of whom he has ever seen since he was discharged, That he was born in Maryland on the [blank] day of [blank] AD 1761 or 2 That he has no record of his said age but speaks merely from tradition— That at the time of his volunteering he resided with his Father William Jones at the County of Montgomery State of Virginia was Five feet 8 or 9 inches high but afterwards grew to be Six feet one inch High, having dark grey eyes, Black Hair and was occupied in the business of farming, That he resided from the period of his discharge untill the year AD 1810 in the township of not kown [not known?] Amharst [Amherst] County Virginia when he moved and took up his residence in the township of Union County of Clermont and State of Ohio where I have continued to reside untill this present time, That he is not acquainted with any person who could testify as to his services as such revolutionary Soldier, but in the year AD 1830 one Stephen Robinson and Judiah Robinson residents at that time of the County of Clermont State of Ohio but now deceased and with whom he had been acquainted from a period prior to the time of his entering the Army of the United States as aforesaid – went before one Joseph Davis then a Justice of the Peace in the County of Clermont and State of Ohio, and made oath setting forth their knowledge of the fact that he did in manner and form as herein stated volunteer and enlist into the Virginia Troops during the war of the Revolution, That he has now forgotten the particulars of said affidavits as made by the said Robinsons, and hence hereunto annexes the affidavit of the said Joseph Davis as to the contents of said affidavit, and further this affiant 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

William hisXmark Jones

Questions put and answers given by the said William Jones before me the undersigned and which answers are embodied in the above Declaration—

1<sup>st</sup> Where, and in what year were you born?

Ans'r. I was born in the County knot known State of Maryland, in the Year 1761 or 1762-

2<sup>nd</sup>. Have you any record of your age? and if so, where is it?

Ans'r. none known or recollected

3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when called into the Service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war; and where do you now live?

Ans'r. I lived in Montgomery County Virginia and have lived in Amherst County Virginia and in Clermont Cty Ohio

4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into the service where you a Substitute, and if so for whom?

Ans'r. I went as a Substitute for my Father Wm. Jones in the 1st. place, and at the conclusion of his term I enlisted in Virginia Troops for during the war

5th. Question. State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the troops, where you served, such continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect; and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans'r. The answer to this Question is fully embodied in the above Declaration.

6<sup>th</sup>. State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Ans'r. Rev'd. George Gatch – Joseph Davis – John Dumford, Jess Teal– Joseph Davis Sen'r. and Ma[?] Davison?

7<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and signed, and what has become of it?

Ans'r. I received a discharge I think it was handed to me by my Capt I know not what has become of it I have lost or mislaid it  
William hisXmark Jones

State of Ohio }

County of Clermont } On this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1856 personally appeared before me a justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid William Jones aged ninety one say (91) years a resident of Clermont County State of Ohio who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the Identical William Jones who was a Private the Company by Captain Joseph Floyd and also a private in the Company commanded by Captain Basterfield that the company commanded by Captain Joseph Floyd was not as this affiant now remembers attached to any particular Regiment but if it was this affiant has now forgotten it. that said Company however belonged to the Virginia Militia or Volunteers in the Revolutionary War declared by the United States against Great Britain on the [blank] day of [blank] AD 17[blank] that he volunteered at the County of Montgomery in the State of Virginia on or about the last of August in the year 1780 for the term of three months and continued in actual service for the term of three months and was honorably discharged at Montgomery County Virginia on or about the last of November AD 1780, this affiant also states that he is the Identical person who was a private in the Company of Virginia regulars commanded by Captain Basterfield his given name this affiant does not now remember he does remember to whose regiment said company was attached That he enlisted in said Company at Cumberland County Virginia about the last of December 1780 or first of January 1781 for the period of during the War, that he remained in said service until Peace was made and was honorably discharged. this last service was in the Revolutionary War declared as before stated.

That he has heretofore signed an Application for land but does not now know what was done with as he had entrusted it to a man by the name of Jarvis. this was about 3 or 4 years ago, but says that he has never before received any Bounty land for his said services, and that he makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1855, and that he has never applied for except as above stated, and that he has never received any Bounty Land Warrant for such service  
William hisXmark Jones

State of Ohio

Clermont County SS [21 Jan 1858]

William Jones of said County being duly sworn on his oath makes the following supplemental declaration, for the purpose of obtaining a pension for his services as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War. He states that he may have been mistaken in his former declaration as to the time of his enlistment at Cumberland Court House Virginia. He will not undertake to be positive as to the year of his enlistment, but he recollects that while he was absent in North Carolina serving as a substitute for his father, in Captain Floyd's company the battle of Kings Mountain was fought [7 Oct 1780]. He thinks he was absent in this service about three months and then returned home to Virginia, and soon after he returned home but he cannot recollect how long, he enlisted at Cumberland Court House aforesaid. He thinks he remained at Cumberland Court House about one year before he went to Winchester Barracks, and that he remained at the latter place about one year, but he will not pretend to be accurate as to the time. According to his recollection the Officer who commanded the Company in which he served was called Basterfield but he has no recollection as to how he spelled his name, nor is he certain that his recollection is exactly right in regard to the pronunciation. He does not know in what rank said officer was commissioned but as he commanded the Company he was always supposed he was a Captain. According to his best recollection said Basterfield was a man at least six feet high and quite large built and he thinks that was a man of light complexion though of the latter he is not quite certain.

He further states that when he enlisted he was paid Twenty dollars Bounty, and was promised land in Kentucky, but he never got his Land nor made any effort to get it.

He was discharged at Winchester in the fall of 1783 and he thinks in the latter part of November of said year. The only persons who served with him in the Company, whose names he can now recollect were a Sergeant by the name of Hold, Joseph Moss or Morse who was his mess mate and he thinks there was another man in his company by the name of Jones, but his christian name was not William.

Dr Smith was the surgeon of the Regiment to which he belongs but dont recollect his Christian name. He that Gen Mulenburg was at Winchester while he was thee in service and that he guarded his tent one night.

According to his recollection he enlisted for three years or during the war but the war ended before he had been three years in service under said Enlistment, he is certain however that he was in service more than two years

William hisXmark Jones

#### NOTES:

Maj. Joseph Cloyd and the troops at the skirmish at Shallow Ford were all militiamen. Enlistments in the militia were never for "during the war," so Jones's later service must have been under a separate enlistment in the Continental Line.

The Hessian prisoners at Winchester were probably not captured at the Battle of Trenton (26 Dec 1776), but at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777. They were moved from Albemarle Barracks to Winchester in Feb 1781.

A letter dated 22 Jan 1858 states that William Jones was still an applicant for a pension at age 96. Jones was finally pensioned on 29 Jan 1858 for serving 20 months and 8 days.