

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jones S1678

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State of Tennessee, Maury County Circuit Court, October Term 1832.

On the 12th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared before William E. Kennedy, Judge of Circuit Court in open court John Jones a resident of Maury County in the State of Tennessee, aged Eighty-two 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 Paper June 7th, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Virginia State Line, the year he cannot exactly recollect but thinks it was about the year 1778. He enlisted under Captain Leander Jones in Albemarle County, Virginia for three years, Lieutenants William Hopkins and Richard Braevis [?]¹, Colonel John Cole commanded the regiment which he was in, the number of the Regiment he cannot recollect, but he knows that the regiment was and composed a part of General Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] Brigade. Lawson commanded a while, he was removed and Harris commanded the same regiment. During the three years he was employed marching to different places in Virginia, no battle took place. He never during this period left the State of Virginia. He got a Discharge but has lost it long since. The time he was discharged he cannot recollect.

He again enlisted in Albemarle County, Virginia after he was discharged from his former enlistment. This was under Captain Benjamin Harris. This tour he enlisted for life or during the war. Colonel Cole commanded the regiment, marched to Charlottesville, General Lafayette there took the command, marched North until we met General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], marched thence to Yorktown where we took Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. We then return to Albemarle County, Virginia and was soon discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

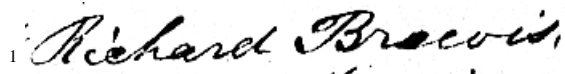
Sworn to in open Court, November 12th, 1832.

S/ John Jones



S/ G. M. Martin, Clk.

I, John Saunders, a Clergyman of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee being called on by John Jones of Maury County in this State to say what I know and believe respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relating to his Revolutionary Service, do hereby Certify and say that I have been acquainted with the said John Jones for upwards of twenty years. I first got acquainted with him

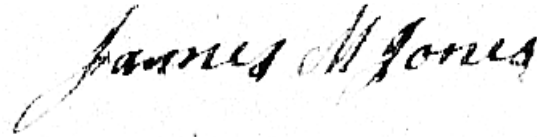


while he lived in Virginia and I have been acquainted with him ever since I moved to this County which is upwards of twenty years, and from the old men in the neighborhood it is and always was believed that he was a Revolutionary Soldier and I believe him to be about 84 years old, and he has always supported the character of an honest man. And I believe his oath ought to be taken in any court in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of July, 1833.

S/ John Saunders

I James M. Jones of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee being called on by John Jones of the County of Maury and State aforesaid to say what I know about his Revolutionary Service, I well recollect of living near the said John Jones in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia at the Commencement of the war and as well as I can recollect it was about the third or fourth year after the war commenced I think to the best of my belief it was in the year 1777 he the said John Jones was called out in the Service of his country, But in what Regiment I do not recollect. But I do well recollect that I had to go to mill for the said John Jones' wife very frequently in the time he was in the service and I do believe that he served about three years and ten months with the exception of a few weeks. I have always known the said John Jones from the time he entered the revolutionary Service until this day and I believe him to be about 83 or 84 years old and he has always supported the character of a honest man and a man of truth and the reason I recollect the circumstances is that my Father went into the service at the same time in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of July 1833.

S/ James M. Jones



State of Tennessee Maury County
Chancery Court September Term 1833

The Amended declaration of John Jones a citizen of Maury County Tennessee in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 granting pensions to Revolutionary Soldiers.

The said John Jones upon his oath declares & states that as stated in his former declaration he entered the service of the United States for the term of three years which service of three years he performed as therein set forth & under the officers therein named – that at the expiration of his enlistment for three years he was discharged as therein stated & again enlisted for life or during the war & that he continued in the service until the close of the war as in his former declaration is stated & set forth – & was under the command of the officers therein named & mentioned & was discharged as therein stated. He states in his former declaration he omitted (not deeming it important) to state that before his enlistment for three years he has served a tour for three months as a militia man in 1777 the 27th year of his age, the militia of being classed this applicant was called out together with the class to which he belonged, he went under Captain Lander Jones, William Hopkins Lieutenant & Richard Breevis Ensign John Cole was the Colonel of the Regiment in General Lawson's Brigade. We marched from Albemarle County Virginia through Richmond to Williamsburg thence to Little York, thence to Hampton thence across the Bay to Gloster [Gloucester] thence to James town, thence whom in Albemarle & discharged, he recollects no engagement during this campaign, he had a written discharge but has lost it long since. The date of his discharge he does not recollect the date – but a few days after his discharge he enlisted as stated in his declaration of which this is an amendment for the term of three years which he served –

Questions prescribed to be answered

1st Where & in what year were you born.

Answer. In Albemarle County Virginia on the 9th day of May 1750.

2nd. Have you any record of your age, if so where is it.

Answer. I have a record of my age which I took from my father's book of records –

3rd. Where were you living when called into service – where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live.

Answer. I lived in Albemarle County Virginia when I was called into service & lived there until about the year 1790 when I moved to Franklin County Virginia & lived there until 1796 when I moved to Tennessee & settled there in that part since called Smith County & lived there until 1832 when I moved to this Maury County Tennessee where I now live.

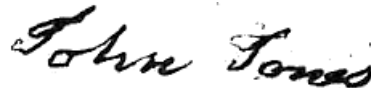
4th. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute & if so for whom.

Answer. In the tour for three months I was called out by a class & for the last two tours I enlisted.

5th. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services.

Answer. I can recollect no more of the officers that I have stated in the declaration of which this is an amendment & by reason of loss of memory from old age I can recollect no more of my service then stated in said declaration I served as a private & was never an officer. John Sanders & James M Jones the former of whom is a clergyman both of Smith County Tennessee have certified as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as I have stated in my declaration & these affidavits are hereto appended. In answer to the Brief of objections to the original declaration – the first – the old mission of the clerks seal is remedied by a certificate of a member of Congress – the second objection is removed by the certificate of John Saunders. The next objection as to proof of service is remedied as far as it can be by this applicant & he would here state that he has no documentary evidence other than the deposition of James M Jones hereto appended. This applicant further states that by reason of extreme old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the length of time he served in all his tours but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below: he served as a private for 3 months in his first tour in 1777 a militia man, he served in his 2nd tour he enlisted 3 years immediately following the 3 months tour & his last tour he served 7 months a private by enlistment – immediately following the other tours – making in all 3 years & 10 months for which I claim a pension. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Jones



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia militia.]