

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jones S16890

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State of Missouri County of Boone: Sct.

On this 24th day of June in the year 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the undersigned David Todd Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Boone now sitting William Jones a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged seventy-seven 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he joined the Army of the United States on the 10th of February in the year 1778 under the following circumstances he resided in Albemarle County Virginia where he was born, there was an order for young men to be drafted or to turn out for twelve months to take the places of those whose terms had expired, that he was among the number who drew [drew] the service ticket, & was marched from there immediately to the Valley Forge where Washington was then in winter quarters, he marched under Hutson Martin [Hudson Martin] who he now believes was only a Lieutenant, on arriving at the Valley Forge he was permitted to join what company he pleased, he the company commanded by Captain Matthew or Matt Dewitt [Matthew Jouett] from Albemarle of the 7th Virginia Regiment as he now recollects; he states that at sometimes when thinking about it, he can recollect the names of his Colonel but now finds it impossible to recollect his name, but thinks he was by the name of Crockett. Lieutenant Martin under whom he marched to the Valley Forge belonged as he now recollects to the 11th Virginia Regiment during the term of his service he belonged to General Woodford's [William Woodford's] Brigade, although he states that he joined Captain Duett's company for just before he arrived at the Valley Forge Captain Duett was wounded and eventually started home and died of his wounds before he arrived, Tapley White was the Lieutenant & Robert Duett [Robert Jouett] Ensign, when Captain Duett died his company & Captain Mayo Carrington's [Mayo Carrington's] was joined together and after that was commanded by Captain Carrington, The American Army had wintered at Valley Forge, the British was then in Philadelphia, we remained at headquarters till the British left Philadelphia. We then pursued them on and overtook them at Monmouth where we had a battle [June 28, 1778] sometime in June, both parties kept their ground till night, then the British left there and got to their shipping at Sandy Hook. We remained on the ground two nights & a day burying the dead, he here states that in Jersey he was one of the guard who guarded the court martial who was trying General Lee [Charles Lee] as he now believes, for his conduct on that day, from there we marched on to New York at the White Plains across the North River, remained there some time, from there back to what was called the West Point Fort, stationed there some time, from there, back into Jersey, & took up winter quarters. The name of the place

he cannot now recollect. We went into the woods where the snow was six inches deep and built our huts for winter, in the spring we marched back crossed the Potomac [River] and was discharged on the 10th of March 1779, having served thirteen months, he got a discharge but has long since lost it, as he never thought it would be worth anything to him. He states that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service, nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove the same, he states that the whole period of his service was as a private soldier, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present; & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Jones



State of Missouri Boone County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for the County of Boone & State of Missouri William Jones who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade, for one-year and one month I served as a private soldier, and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ William Jones

Sworn to & subscribed the 24th day of June A.D. 1833.

W. Woodson, JP

[John Greenhalgh, a clergyman, and Tyne Harris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year and one month in the Virginia service.]