

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Williamson Jones S17516

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State of Indiana Morgan County: Morgan Probate Court November Term 1832

On this 13 day of November 1832 personally appeared before me John Mathews Probate Judge within and for said County Williamson Jones a resident of said County aged seventy-three or four years who being 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 entered into the Service of the United States Army when he was about 16 or 17 years old but does not recollect with certainty as he has no record of his age, that he volunteered in the Service of the United States in the year about 1776 – Sometime in warm weather, But cannot recollect at what time in the year it being so long ago, and he has become so frail, Both in Body and Mind, he acted as fifer for the company to which he belonged during the campaign for the Term of four or six weeks and perhaps longer but cannot recollect. He was out under the command of General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] and Colonel Matthews, Major Dayell [?]¹ and Captain Daniel Colman [Daniel Coleman] and other officers names not recollected he then lived in Caroline County State of Virginia. That he marched to the Town of Richmond to fight the British and when he got to Richmond the British was not there but he says he recollects of seeing the officer look with a spyglass at York to see if they could see the British and from there we went to Williamsburg and from there we returned home, and at another time he says he went out against the British at Richmond it being on James River Sometime after the first time he was out at that time he thinks he went to a place called York town and there he was taken sick and went into the Hospital and there remained 8 or 10 days until he got better and was able to perform duty again and while he was at the town of York his sister made and sent him a shirt by Colonel James Upshur at that time the British were expected daily and did not come until he was discharged but shortly after that time they made their appearance and he says the Americans defeated Cornwallis and he returned Home and at 2 or 3 other different times he says he was called out he thinks between the first and last time before mentioned as well as he recollects as much as 6 or 8 weeks at a time he says he thinks he passed through a place called Needwood [?] he thinks the field officers were the same in all the expeditions in which he was out. He says Colonel Mathews was a very rough man he says Matthew said that God would damn every man he should curse. He says this very same Colonel Mathews hung a man until he was almost dead

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and then let him go, he says there was an officer belonging to the Regiment by the name of Major Bazil and that one night it thundered and lightened very hard and he was standing century and sometime in the morning an officer came near to this Major Bozel and the Major called out to the man and asked him where he had been in when he so said the man muttered something he could not tell what. The Major had in his hand and oak Staff about as large as his finger and he struck the officer a number of Blows with the same. And took his sword from him he says the Army had been marching all the night for the purpose of getting away from the British. He says he was one night with the light infantry and the main Body of the Army marched on and crossed some bridges and as they went they set fire to the Bridges so that when the infantry marched on and came to the bridges they were all on fire and they had much trouble to get across unhurt. They were afraid that the British would cross over and over take them but they escaped unhurt. He says to the best of his recollection first and last he believes he was in the Service or Army of the United States in the revolutionary war six months or more. He says he was young and had no learning and did not expect to get any pay for the same therefore he did not charge his Memory with the particulars that he served as a Substitute for his brothers John Jones and James Jones. He served for James Jones about one week and for John Jones about two weeks and he does not recollect at what place. He says he was born in Essex County in the State of Virginia in or about the year 1759 but having no record of his age he is not sure as to the time. He says his parents were poor and had [indecipherable word] for a living and gave him no learning at all. That at the time he entered the Service he lived in Caroline County in the State of Virginia and lived there all the time during the revolution and afterwards until he moved to the State of Kentucky but does not recollect – and stayed about one year and from there moved to Fayette County near Bryant's Station and there he lived three or four years and moved from there to a Creek called State near the Iron works and from there he moved to big Benson in Franklin County in said State and from there he moved to the State of Indiana in Harrison County and from there he moved into Morgan County where he now lives and has lived for about eight years. That he is known to William Gregory, Peter Monical, George A Phelps, Hiram Mathews and John Butterfield who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the revolutionary war that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services and that he has no Documentary evidence whatever. He says he verily believes that he was in the Service of the United States 6 or 8 months when all added together. He says he received no discharge as he recollects of at this time from any officer. That he has no record of his age nor never had.

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 or territory.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Williamson Jones, X his mark

[John Butterfield, a clergyman, and Grant Stafford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Indiana Morgan County SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Morgan aforesaid Williamson Jones who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the 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 grades; That in his first tour which he thinks took place in 1776 he served not less than five weeks as a private soldier – That he does not recollect

the length of time that intervened between the first & second tours but that he served in the latter not less than 3 weeks as a private – That he served at different times, and on different expeditions, after his discharge from the above engagements, as private militia in the Army of the United States, the length of which he does not now recollect, but he is confident that all his engagements when taken together would make a term of 6 months or upwards –

Sworn to & subscribed before me this first day of June 1833

S/ C. B. Butler, JP

S/ Williamson Jones, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]