

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Westwood A. Jones S21325

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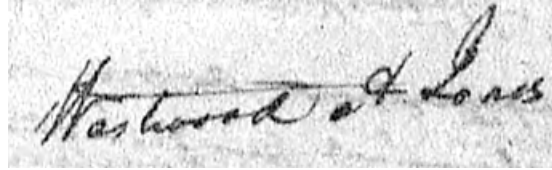
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State of Tennessee, Fayette County: County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1833

On this 18th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County of Fayette in the State of Tennessee now sitting, Westwood A. Jones a resident of the County of Haywood and State of Tennessee aged Seventy years of age or thereabouts 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 7th, 1833 [sic, 1832] That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the Service on the 12th of February 1781, he entered the Service as a Substitute in the Company commanded by Captain Richard Harrison, and Regiment by Colonel Joseph Taylor and marched from Granville County North Carolina and joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army at High Rock Ford on Haw River in the State of North Carolina which Army was joined by the Virginian Army commanded by Colonel Munford [Robert Munford] in March 1781 -- this declarant further states that at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] he was a wagon guard and ordered of [sic, off] to a place called Troublesome [Iron Works] twelve miles from the battleground where General Greene's Army rendezvoused, this affiant further states that the battle aforesaid was the only one he was near [?]. This declarant further states that he served two tours of three months each under the aforesaid officers and was discharged the first time the 13th of May 1781 in the second he got no written discharge it was the time at which Cornwallis was taken and then he received no discharge as it was supposed the War had ended he thinks he got no discharge if he did his memory fails him as to that particular. He can prove the last tour by Solomon Williams Senior¹ who served with him, and who has obtained a pension for his Service, this affiant further states that said Williams is the only one who served with him that lives in Fayette County Tennessee therefore this affiant has had this declaration made in Fayette County in order to substantiate his term of Service by one who served with him, the first tour in the aforesaid Service he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony but Robert Jeter and Solomon Williams Senior who can testify to his 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 rolls of the agency of any State.

S/ Westwood A. Jones

¹ [Solomon Williams S3591](#)



Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court
this 18th of October 1833
S/ Thomas C. Hudson, Clerk

The Court then propounded the following interrogatories required by the War Department.

1 Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the year 1764 agreeably to my father's register

2nd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in Granville County North Carolina when I entered the Service and then moved in the year 1795 to Wake County and thence to Chatham and from thence to Franklin and there resided five years, and thence to Wake County where I have resided till 1832 then I came to Haywood County Tennessee where I will now reside

How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I was a Substitute for Vinkley Jones [?] but received no pay whatever
State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer I served under the aforesaid officers as stated in my declaration and the only Continental Regiment (as well as I recollect) was Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] who commanded the Cavalry and served as was stated in the foregoing declaration.
Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

[No answer indicated]

[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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.]

Answer I am known to the Honorable Daniel L. Barringer [?], Solomon Williams who served with me and Robert Jeter who can testify also that my veracity stands unimpeached and their belief that of my being reputed to have been a Soldier of the revolution and received a discharge for the first tour and none for the second, the first is lost or destroyed

Sworn to and Subscribed

S/ Thos. C. Hudson

S/ Westwood A. Jones

[Thomas Hanks, Jr., a clergyman, of Shelby County Tennessee and Solomon Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee, Haywood County

This day comes before me an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Haywood as aforesaid, Westwood A. Jones, and after being duly sworn according to law, declares on his oath

that he entered the United States service in the Revolutionary War as Soldier in a three months Tour as a substitute for Vinkler Jones in a Company of light horse commanded by Captain James Blackwell from Granville County North Carolina and Regiment by Colonel Joseph Taylor from Granville County North Carolina, was enrolled he thinks in August but what time in that month his memory fails him in the year 1781 and after said Company was organized the Company had leave to go home and meet at Harrisburg in Granville County North Carolina at the appointment [of] Colonel or Captain in this situation he Continued until September first fall [?] month The troops marched towards Wilmington a town in North Carolina which was then in the possession of the British Troops, news of the capture of General Wallis [sic Cornwallis] arriving in Camp the troops was drawn up in Fired Several Rounds by way of Rejoicing he thinks shortly after, after this the British Evacuated Wilmington and that your declarant with the Company he belonged to was ordered to march below Wilmington to prevent the British from plundering the inhabitants, this tour Solomon Williams proves he belonged to the same Company, but to say or Swear to the day in September he marched I cannot with certainty say or swear to as his memory will in this fails him, but in month and year he knows he is certain in your declarant further states that in this last tour which he proves by Solomon Williams that he served his tour faithfully but got no discharge that he knows of if he did his memory fails him in this particular your declarant further states that in the first Tour he served he got a discharge that lost or destroyed So that he cannot get it, that first Tour he proves by Robert Jeter in which tour he thinks or believes he marched 12th of February and was Honorably discharged 12th May 1781 your affiant States that both Tours he was a Substitute for Vinkler Jones Granville County North Carolina, further states that to what Regiment he served at each tour he cannot swear nor would he swear, but if left to judge would say he thinks the first tour was in 3rd Regiment and second tour was in the 4th for reason the first Regiment he has been informed was at the British taking Charleston the second with General Gates at his defeat if this is correct the statement of the regiments he served in is also, it is required at the war department that claimants are to make their Declaration in the County they reside your declarant states that he has no wife no settled for permanent home or family of his own Except his married children in different Counties in the district with whom he lives first with one then the other being now old and infirm.

This declarant states he [several indecipherable words] and caused him in the services worth 85 or \$90.

Sworn to and Subscribed before this 2nd September 1834

S/ Lawrence McGuire, JP

S/ Westwood A. Jones

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State of Tennessee, Fayette County

This day came before me Owen Griffin an Acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Solomon Williams and after being duly Sworn according to law declares on oath that he served a three months Tour of duty with Westwood A. Jones in the Revolutionary War in a Company of horse Commanded by Captain James Blackwell and Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Taylor in the fall of 1781 and he said with would A. Jones served his time faithfully and was Honorably discharged.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th July 1834.

S/ Solomon Williams, X his mark

S/ O. Griffin, JP

State of Tennessee, weakly County

This day came Robert Jeter² before me Perry Vincent, an acting Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that Westwood A. Jones was a Soldier of the revolution under the command of Captain Richard Harrison of Granville County North Carolina in a three months tour of duty in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Tailor [Taylor] in the year 1781 and I think in February or March that said to Westwood A. Jones entered the service and joined General Greene's Army near the high rock ford on Haw River in Orange County NC and I believe he was honorably discharged for I served in the same Regiment to which he belonged. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of February 1834.

S/ Perry Vincent, JP

S/ Robert Jeter

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

² WG: I could find no one by this name claiming a federal pension for services in the Revolution. 11/9/08