

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Jones S22333

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State of Pennsylvania } SS

County of Luzerne }

On this first day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before the Judges of the court of said county James Jones a Resident of Kingston Luzerne County and State of Pennsylvania Aged Seventy four 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1777 and served as herein stated. He entered the United States Service in June 1777 at Annapolis in Maryland as a Musician. when he left there he marched to Bound Brook in New Jersey and was at that place at the time of the Battle of White Plains [sic: 28 Oct 1776]. from Bound Brook he marched to West Point where he was stationed until late in the fall of 1779 when he marched to MorrisTown in New Jersey. Remained there through the winter [winter quarters 1 Dec 1779 - 22 Jun 1780] and in the Spring of 1780 he marched with the flying army [Flying Camp] for the South. in June or July was put under the command of General [Horatio] Gates and marched to South Carolina and in August 1780 [16 Aug 1780] he was at the Battle of Camden in South Carolina where he was taken prisoner By the British and was taken to Charleston S. C. and was put on bord a prison ship where he underwent a great many hardships and privations being put on half allowance and treated with great severity. in the Spring of 1781 he was put on board of a British man of war and sent to the Island of Jamacaia [sic: Jamaica] where he remained a prisoner untill peace was Declared when he Deserted the vessell Swimming a Shore in the night and remained there untill he found an opportunity to return home which was nearly three years afterwards when he returned home in a British Bottomed vessel Laden with Rum or Sugar Bound for Philadelphia where he was landed without friends or money. he has resided in Luzerne County in the State of Pennsylvania for the last fifteen years where he still resides. in consequence of the loss of memory, he cannot recollect the particular Regiment or company he belonged to he has also forgotten the most of the officers. he recollect of Capt Clicket [possibly Horatio Claggett] at Bound Brook; he also recollects Capt Price or Brice [probably Jacob Brice, 3<sup>rd</sup> MD Reg.] who was taken prisoner at Camden S. C. Was under Gen'l. [Israel] Putnam at West Point. General Gates commanded at the Battle of Camden. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a revolutionary pension or Annuity except the present and he Declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency in any State

James hisXmark Jones

Land Office, Annapolis, March 18<sup>th</sup> 1834

Sir [J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions], Your's of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. with the declaration of James Jones enclosed, was received; In reply, I have to inform you, that it appears by the muster rolls in this office, that James Jones enlisted as a Drummer in the 3 Maryland Regiment, the time of his enlistment however is blank [page torn] said roll, – it also appears by said roll, that on the 16 of August 1780; he was reported missing, – the applicant states in his declaration that in August 1780, he was taken prisoner at the battle of Camden in South Carolina, his statement therefore corresponds with the roll; – I do not find his name upon any of the pay rolls, to have ever received pay for his revolutionary services; – the declaration is herewith returned; I am very respectfully/ Yr. Obt. S't./ George G Brewer