

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Jones S2653

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State of Tennessee, Knox County: Circuit Court for said County February Sessions 1833

On this 13th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court at a Circuit Court for said County now sitting, the same being a Court of record, David Jones a citizen of said County aged 70 years who having been duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of an act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he was born in what was then Dobbs County North Carolina, afterwards Greene County, sometime in the month of February 1763, where he continued to live until the commencement of, and during the whole continuance of the Revolutionary War, and for ten years after its termination -- Applicant states that sometime in the winter of 1779 or 80 as well as he now recollects, he well remembers that he was but 16 years old, he, with about 20 others volunteered in the said Dobbs County, under a Captain whose name he believes was Williams, for the purpose of guarding the American magazine at Kingston [sic, Kinston], on the Neuse River in what was then Dobbs, but afterwards Lenoir County North Carolina -- Applicant states that he marched with the said Company to Kingston and remained there guarding the said magazine for one month, when they were relieved by a new guard and returned home -- Applicant states that sometime in the winter he thinks the next winter, after the last campaign, but of this he is not certain, he was drafted in the said Dobbs County for a three months tour, and his company were ordered to rendezvous at Kingston in said County, here he was enrolled as a private into a company commanded by Captain David Dudley and Lieutenant Samuel Holiday -- under these officers applicant marched from Kingston to Tar River a short distance below a little place called Greenville, here our company lay a few days for the purpose of collecting all the men of our Company -- from here our company marched to Cross Creek now Fayetteville, where we camped several days and were joined by several other Companies. At Cross Creek Major \_\_\_ Dennis took command of our Battalion Colonel \_\_\_ Brown of our Regiment and all under the Command of General Lennington [sic, John Alexander Lillington] -- From Cross Creek applicant was ordered with his Company under their said officers, to march down into South Carolina to disperse some Tories who were understood to have collected there -- they marched crossing the River at Cross Creek down to ashpole swamp, near the Junction of Drowning Creek in the little Pedee River -- after marching about in this service two or three weeks and being unable to find any embodied Tories, our Company marched up upon the Big Pedee River where we met again the other division of the troops under General Lennington as by previous orders we were directed to do -- the whole Army lay encamped on the Pedee for two or three weeks during which time we were engaged in building a Fort, but many of the men getting sick and several of them having

died we marched up the River leaving the Fort on Santee, and continued our march up to Guilford County -- here applicant's three months for which he had been drafted having expired and several days more, he and his company were marched to Kingston and there discharged -- applicant states that he was within ten or fifteen miles of Guilford Courthouse at the time he understood it was burned, which was shortly before his last campaign had terminated -- he states that in this campaign he continued in service at least a week after his three months had expired -- Applicant states that some time after this last campaign, he was drafted with a company of about 20 men to go and guard Webbers Bridge which was thrown across Trent River a small stream which empties into the Neuse River, for the purpose of preventing the enemy from crossing -- he states that he remained stationed at said Bridge, for 10 days when being relieved by others he was discharged and returned home -- he states that every night a part of the Bridge was taken up and replaced in the morning -- he states that the officer who had command of him during this ten days was named Abraham Shepherd -- Applicant states that some time after this perhaps two or three years he was drafted in the said County of Dobbs to perform a 3 months tour -- he was enrolled into a company commanded by Captain William Shepherd, and under him marched from Kingston down to the rich lands on New River not far from the sea shore, and after scouring that part of the country were marching on towards Wilmington where we expected to meet with the Main American Army, but while on our march thither the intelligence reached us that peace was made, and we marched back to Kingston and was there discharged -- Applicant states that he received a written discharge from Captain Shepherd for a 3 months tour although he believes his 3 months had not expired by about 15 days -- Applicant states that from the long time which has elapsed since the above mentioned services were performed, he has forgotten many of the incidents connected with it -- he states that he is extremely illiterate never having learned a single letter -- he states that he is confident he was in actual service in the American Army during the Revolutionary for six months and a half, for which he claims a pension -- he states at no time during his said service was he in company with any of the Continental troops or their officers -- he states that about ten years after the close of the war he moved to Marion District South Carolina where he lived about nine years, when he moved to Bladen County NC where he lived 10 or 12 years, when he moved to Cumberland County NC where he lived about 12 years, when he moved to Knox County Tennessee where he has lived ever since and now lives -- he states that he has no record of his age but believes from information of his parents & others that he is 70 years old -- he states that the persons in his neighborhood who can testify to his veracity and his reputation for military services are Robert Duncan, John Harron, Isaac Bond, John F. Bond -- and others -- he states that he received a written discharge for 2 of his said campaigns, but he has lost them both -- he states that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his services, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services he hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 14th February 1833.

S/ Will Swan, Clk

S/ David Jones, X his mark

[Robert Duncan and John F. Bond gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.55 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 2 days in the North Carolina militia.]