

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Jones S31171

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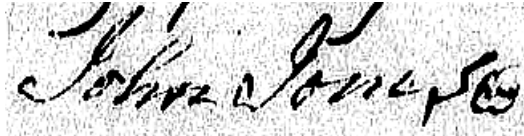
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Commonwealth of Kentucky Calloway County Sct.

On this 27th day of Nov. 1832 in the year 1832 personally appeared before John Irvan, R. E. Rowland & E. Hardy Justices of the Calloway County Court now sitting John Jones a resident of said County and Commonwealth aforesaid aged seventy-two 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 act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the Army of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated to wit. The said John Jones states that in the month of December 1779 he was drafted for the term of two months and entered the service under Captain Richard Ballinger of Amherst County Virginia (he the said Jones being at that time a resident of the said County of Amherst) and that he being the orderly Sergeant of said Ballinger's Company immediately proceeded with said Company to Albemarle Barracks Virginia where they were ordered to take charge of some prisoners which were taken by the capture of Burgoyne. Here he remained. At the end of his term when he was discharged and returned home. Towards the end of May 1781 he volunteered in a horse company under Captain James Barnett and Lieutenant John Gilmore. This company was raised for the purpose of opposing Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] a British Officer who was then making an inroad upon Charlottesville. He states that he found his own horse and arms and immediately proceeded with said company towards Charlottesville but was too late to fall in with Tarleton he having left that place & neighborhood. He states that he together with his company proceeded on towards Richmond & that he was in a skirmish with a party of British at a place called the Burnt Tavern after six weeks service Captain Barnett returned home and this applicant with him and was discharged. About first of August 1781 he volunteered again under Captain John Loving and rendezvoused at the mouth of Rockfish River on James River where he joined a Regiment under command of Colonel Sampson Mathews & Major Duval. He states that he proceeded with said Officers towards Richmond till they joined the American Army and brigade then under General Losson [probably Robert Lawson] after which Losson crossed James River at Carter's ferry marched down said River till opposite old James Town, recrossed James River and from thence marched through Williamsburg and arrived at Little York 3 days after the siege of that place had commenced by which time his term of two months had expired & he was discharged. He states that he did not quit the service but immediately entered again for two months as a substitute for James Bibb under Captain Stuart & Lieutenant Charles Edes of the same Regiment under Major Duval & Colonel Mathews who were under General Losson at this time of the line of General Lafayette whom this applicant knew well during the siege of York.

He states that he was in service during all the siege laboring most of the time in the entrenchments and after the Surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] he proceeded under his Captain to guard or conduct the prisoners to Winchester Barracks a distance of 184 miles he believes from York. Here he remained sometime when he was discharged about two weeks before the expiration of his term of service having served six weeks under Captain Stuart. He states that he entered each term of service for two months but that his actual service in the horse company under Captain Barnett amounted only to six weeks he being discharged before the expiration of his term as was the case in his last term of service under Captain Stuart. He states that he always received regular written discharges but paying no regard to them they are gone and he knows not how they were lost. He never received any pay for his services except perhaps a few dollars for serving as a substitute which then was good to light a pipe with. He states that from his father's Record of his age he was born 1st February 1760 in Albemarle County Virginia. That he moved from Virginia to Kentucky in the year 1787 in which state he has resided ever since. He has no documentary evidence of his Services nor does he know of any living witness who can testify to his services except one who is perhaps yet living to wit Thomas Johnson who could only testify as to his services at the siege of York. 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 whatever.

S/ John Jones Sr. [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Jones Sr.", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Absalom Copeland, a clergyman, and William Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.58 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service for 2 ½ months as a private of Infantry; one and a half months as a private of Cavalry and 2 months as Sergeant of Infantry in the Virginia service.]