

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Jones S31172

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State of Kentucky, County of Hickman

On this 2nd day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable Judge of the Hickman Circuit Court Benjamin Jones a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 68 or 69 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to attain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 -- That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in or about the year 1776 and served under the following named officers Benjamin Jones states that he was born in Spartanburg County in the State of South Carolina & when 10 years old his father died -- In a short time after this his eldest brother was killed by the Cherokee Indians. Those Indians becoming very troublesome his Mother his second brother & three sisters, moved to Fort Prince for protection & afterwards went to the Fort at Thompson's [William Thomson's] near Tyger Creek -- Here he Benjamin Jones enlisted & served under Captain William Wood, Lieutenant Elisha Thompson, Major John Collins (the Colonel forgotten) in General Thomas Branham [sic, Col. Thomas Brandon],¹ for the space of twenty months -- After he had served his time in scouring the country, when an alarm was raised, or protecting the forts, he was discharged, and owing to his youth & carelessness he lost it -- Afterwards he served in the Militia in the forts as he lived there & was considered at all times in service and ready to be detached at any moment and one night was sent with 24 others to attack a party of ⁹⁶ Tories in which skirmish they killed three Tories & the Tories killed Captain Dunn of Georgia & Captain Whitaker from some distant place. ^{The night} following they killed Squire Wood & Putman During this latter period they killed his second brother & a Negro fellow the only left, ~~having previously stolen 5 other of his mother's Negroes~~ -- They also stole all the horses & stock of every kind belonging to the family whilst they were forted -- For all his services and losses of the family, the government has never paid him or them one cent & he believes he could prove the same by James Clarke² who formerly moved to the State of Illinois if he knew precisely his residence --

He has no documentary evidence nor any living witness whose residence he could find to procure the necessary testimony to establish his claim beyond a doubt but he offers Mr. S. P. McFall & Thomas Hubbs his neighbors to establish his character for veracity and credibility --

¹ Brandon never attained the rank of general in the militia during the Revolutionary War.

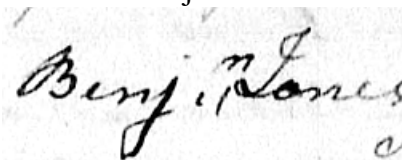
² This is likely a reference to [James Clark S32181](#) who filed in Illinois and, who in his application, makes reference to serving in Thomson's fort and some of the same officers named by this applicant.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that he has never had his name placed on any agency of the United States –

During the time he was a militia man he served under Captain John Nisbet [John Nisbett] who was a blacksmith & afterwards was made Colonel & he would further state that before he served as a militia man under Nisbit he was a private in Captain Thomas Parson's company and he believes those two men were his captains to the Close of the war -- then we were permitted to quit our forts & returned to our dwellings --

Sworn & subscribed to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Benj. Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Jones". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Samuel Gibson, a clergyman, and Samuel P. McFall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky, Hickman County: Sct.

This day personally appeared in open court before the undersigned Justices of the County Court for the County and State aforesaid Benjamin Jones, a Citizen of said County who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that by Reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect and swear positively as to the precise length of his Service as a Soldier of the revolution but according to the best of his Recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the grade of a private Soldier he further wishes this statement together with the answers to the Interrogatories Required to be propounded by the war department together with a tabular Statement of the length of his service in Tabular form as an amendment to his former declaration

Sworn to in open Court on the 2nd of October in the year of our Lord 1832 before the Honorable Regin Davidge Judge of the Hickman Circuit Court -- which Tabular Statement is hereto annexed as a part of this amendment –

~~This day personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned being a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Benjamin Jones a Citizen of the same who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of his age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Services but according to the best of his recollection he Served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: one year & eight months in Captain William Wood's company as is stated in a Declaration sworn to by this affiant on the second day of October 1832 for the Honorable R. Davidge Judge of the Hickman Circuit Court for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States agreeable to an act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he served the said one year and eight months he has no doubt in his best believes at least two years in the militia service afterwards — this affiant states that he would have amended his declaration at the July term of the Hickman Circuit 1833 in order to have complied more rapidly to the regulations of the war department owing to some apprehensions that the Judge was under about the cholera he adjourned and held no court he states that he served as a private Soldier In all his Services he rendered his Country & he also has answered the interrogatories required by the war department.~~

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Spartanburg County State of South Carolina sometime in the year

1760 or 1761.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have no Record of my age nor had my parents my father's house being robbed when I [was] quite small in the book that my age was in destroyed --

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I was living in Spartanburg County State of South Carolina and lived there until about the year 1797 when I moved to Kentucky and settled in that part of the State called now at this time Caldwell County but then called Christian County and lived there about 29 years and then moved to this County and have lived here ever since in this County

4th 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 20 months in the Regular Army under Captain William Wood, as I have before stated -- my other services was as a volunteer

5th 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 was engaged all the time of my service on the Frontier and was Employed in trying to keep the Indians quieted and never joined any General or Regular Army more than I have stated in my Declaration of 2 October last I also Recollect that we were frequently visited by Colonel Thompson --

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I was discharged by Captain William Woods from the 20 months Tour but have misplaced or lost the same from my other duties in Tours &c while always in readiness from as I have detailed by my declaration of 2 October last I was only disbanded

7th 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 there is Dr. Drew A. Outlaw and Colonel M. C. Patton and Major Sam'l P. McFall The Honorable Regin Davidge all of the town of Moscow Hickman County Kentucky in the Reverend Samuel Gibson of the same neighborhood

Year	Month	Days	Place
178			William Wood Capt Lieut Thompson Major Collins Col. Thompson

Discharge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 6 months in the South Carolina militia.]