

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Jones S31778

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State of Georgia, Laurens County

On this the seventh day of April in the year of our Lord 1834 Personally appeared in open Court of the Superior Court of the County aforesaid before Lott Warren the Judge thereof -- Jonathan Jones of the State and County aforesaid and after being 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, 1832 in relation to the pay of revolution soldiers -- That he is seventy-seven years old. That he entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war on the 10th day of November 1778 -- and as well as he recollects -- was a private soldier and drafted man, under the Command of Capt. John King -- commanded by Col. Philip Alston and General John Ash [sic, John Ashe]. This deponent at the time he entered the service resided in Onslow County in North Carolina. That he entered the service for five months and served the full length of time and fifteen days over and above the five months. The company that this deponent done this service rendezvoused at Richland Chapel in the County of Onslow in North Carolina -- marched from there to Elizabeth Town in North Carolina -- From thence to a place called the ten mile Island situated ten miles from Charleston in the State of South Carolina -- from there to Augusta in the State of Georgia -- and from thence to Brier [Briar] Creek in the State of Georgia -- where this deponent was in a battle fought as well as deponent remembers on the 3rd day of March 1779¹ -- between the British and Americans -- in which a great many Americans were taken prisoners by the British, and among them Col. Alston was taken a prisoner. After this battle deponent was marched back to South Carolina to a place called Pughrsburg [Purrysburg] or rather ^(opposite) again that place, which lay in Georgia -- the company being in South Carolina on the [opposite?]² side of the Savannah River. From this place we marched up the River to a place called Black Swamp -- where we remained till sometime in April 1779 -- and marched from Black Swamp in South Carolina to Willming [sic, Wilmington?] in the State of N. Carolina -- and from thence to the home of Capt. King in Onslow County -- N. Carolina and was there discharged -- on the 25th day of April 1779 as well as deponent remembers -- without this deponent being in any other battle except the one at Briar Creek This deponent again entered the service of the United States on the 12th day of December 1781 -- That he on that date enlisted for and during the term of twelve months under Lieut. Hardy Homes

¹ <https://www.google.com/search?q=%22Battle+of+Briar+Creek%22+1779&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8#q=%22Battle+of+Brier+Creek%22+1779>

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[sic, Hardy Holmes] -- as the accompanying Certificate will show -- That he enlisted in Onslow County State of North Carolina, where deponent then resided -- This deponent entered on this last service under the Command of Capt. Benjamin Coleman [Benjamin Andrew Coleman] of Elizabeth Town in North Carolina -- commanded by Major McRee -- This deponent was marched from the last mentioned place to Wilmington in the same State and from thence to a place called Osbonds Ponds [sic, Osborne's Ponds?] in South Carolina where we Joined General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] under whose command we were then placed -- remained there a short time, and marched to a place called Bacon's bridge on Ashley River in South Carolina -- where we remained until sometime in July 1782 -- and then left there -- and marched down the Ashley River to a place called the high hills on said River where we remained until the British left Charleston about the 20th of November 1782 -- shortly after this -- The Company I was in left the Hills of Ashley River and we were marched to Wilmington in North Carolina -- where this deponent and the rest of his Company -- (he presumes) were discharged on furlough until the Governor might call on us again -- This discharge or furlough took place on the 7th day of January 1783 as well as deponent remembers -- This deponent never was called on by the Governor and never entered the service of the United States anymore -- although deponent enlisted only for twelve months Originally he did remain in the last service for thirteen months lacking of five days -- after having performed about six months in this last service, by a transfer - - or regulation in the Army -- deponent -- was commanded the balance of the time by Capt. James Mills -- The whole of the last mentioned service (twelve months and twenty-five days as well as he remembers the time) was performed by this deponent as an orderly sergeant -- for which this deponent received a certificate entitling deponent to \$10 per month for the whole of the time he served in the regular Army, but which deponent has never received -- although various scouting parties of the Army of which deponent was a member was in many fights with the British, no party that this deponent was with ever was in any engagement -- but often in the knowing of others that were in battle. This deponent hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any of the States or territories in the United States and this deponent further states -- that he has no documentary evidence, (except Lieutenant Hardy Holmes' certificate may be considered as such) nor no other way to establish his claim to a pension except his own oath and the accompanying Certificates of the clergyman, Court, and Clerk having lost many of the papers he once had -- deponent presumes his name may be found at the war department, for when he enlisted, his age, height, complexion &c &c were taken down in a book which has probably been preserved by the government.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this April 7th, 1834

S/ Jonathan Jones



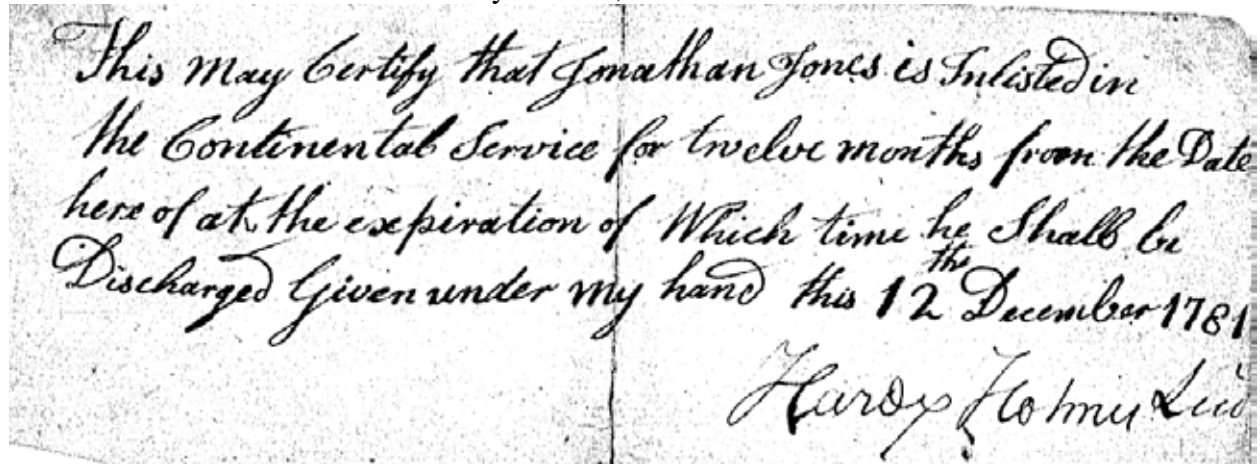
S/ Lott Warren, Judge
Superior Court Southern
Circuit Georgia

[Joseph R. Hand and Jordan Baker, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

“This May Certify that Jonathan Jones is Inlisted in the Continental Service for twelve months from the Date hereof at the expiration of Which time he Shell be Discharged Given under my

hand this 12th December 1781

S/ Hardy Holmes, Lieut."



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Hardy Holmes Lieut

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$61.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months and 10 days in the North Carolina militia.]