

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Jones S32347

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State of Illinois, Franklin County: Sct.

On this 2nd day of October, 1832, virtually appeared before the Circuit Court of the said County and State, now in session, being a court of record Moses Jones a resident of said County aged about seventy ~~one~~ 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1832 [sic, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832]

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:

He was born in the Isle of Wight County Virginia, in the month of September, 1762, and has no record of his age. He was living in Gates County North Carolina, and June, 1782, when it was understood that every twenty men should furnish one man for the United States service. That pursuant to this understanding he entered the service under Captain William Walton, but before anything further was done, Captain Joseph Baily [sic, Benjamin Bailey] was put in command; and marched the company to Ashley Hill, where the company was transferred to the command of Captain \_\_ Brevard [Alexander Brevard] in the Regiment of Colonel Archibald Lytle. Soon after this a detachment was made up of portions of different companies, and regiments, and under command of General Gest [sic, Mordecai Gist?], of General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army, to which this applicant belonged. In this detachment he was put under the command of a Maryland Captain, named Alexander; and proceeded along the seacoast in quest of cattle for the subsistence of the Army: They were engaged in this service 18 or 20 days. After the return of the applicant found that the company of Captain Brevard to which he had belonged, had been dissolved. He then was joined to a company commanded by Captain Joseph Rhodes, in Colonel Lytle's Regiment. They were then moved to James Island, about 12 miles from Ashley Hill, where they remained 6 or 7 months, when orders came for the soldiers to be discharged, peace having been concluded, and proclaimed. From James Island those who were not discharged there were taken on to Long Bay, and to Wilmington, at the former of which places this applicant received leave to quit the service until further orders. He did not then receive a final discharge because the time for which he entered the service, (18 months,) had not expired, and it was apprehended that the Indians might require chastisement. They were directed to send their furlough to an officer, he thinks, in Hillsbury [sic, Hillsboro or Salisbury], North Carolina, at the end of their term of service, and receive a certificate to enable them to draw pay -- which this applicant accordingly did. This applicant was not engaged in any general battle, the surrender of Cornwallis, at Little York [October 19, 1781], having happened a short

time before he entered the service. This applicant has no documentary evidence to prove the foregoing allegations; and knows of no person, except William McElya, <sup>1</sup> who can testify to his services. McElya was in Captain Rhodes' company upon the return of this applicant from the expedition after cattle, and they served the remainder of the term of service together. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Moses Jones, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in Open court this 2nd day of October 1832

S/ S. M. Hubbard, Clk

I, William McElya, a resident of Franklin County, Illinois, do certify that I am well acquainted with Moses Jones, the applicant making the above declaration -- that he knows of his serving in Captain Joseph Rhodes' company, of Colonel Lytle's Regiment, as he has stated in his declaration this affiant having been a private in the said company at the time the said Jones entered it and remained in it until they all left the service.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ S. M. Hubbard, Clk

S/ William McElya, X his mark

[John P. Madden, a clergyman, and Laban Estes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Illinois, Franklin County: SS

The amended declaration of Moses Jones, a resident of Franklin County, made in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, passed June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1832:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the peace in and for said County of Franklin Moses Jones, who, being duly sworn deposes and says, that by reason of old age, and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For the period of 1 month I served as a private under Captain William Walton; for the period of five weeks I served in the same grade under Captain Joseph Baily; for the period of one week I served in the same grade under Captain \_\_\_ Brevard I served in the same grade for the period of three weeks under Captain Alexander: for the period of six months I served in the same grade under Captain Joseph Rhodes, and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Moses Jones, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]

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<sup>1</sup> [William McElvea S33084](#)