

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Aaron Jones S34937

MD

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The deposition of Aaron Jones of Dorchester County & State of Maryland aged about fifty eight years who deposeth & sayeth that he belonged to the Continental army during the revolutionary war. He entered the service under Capt. Levin Handy in the year 1777 & after Gen'l Gates defeat [defeat of Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] he was placed under Capt. Reiley [sic: William Reily, pension application W26377]. Whilst under Capt. Handy your deponent belonged to the fifth Maryland regiment & after Gates defeat to the first Maryland Regiment – your deponent was not discharged untill the end of the war & was then discharged by Coll [John] Eccleston at Annapolis. your deponent was in service six years & eight months – further your deponent sayeth not – the above deposition was sworn to before me, Chief Judge of the fourth Judicial district of Maryland on the first day of April 1818.

William B. Martin

State of Maryland SS.

On this fifth day of May 1818 before me the subscriber Chief Judge of the fourth Judicial district of Maryland personally appears Aaron Jones aged about fifty eight years resident in Dorchester County in the State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress intituled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war”, That he the said Aaron Jones enlisted in Talbot County in the State of Maryland in the Company of Captain Levin Handy of the Maryland line, that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States untill the conclusion of the war & was there discharged by Col Eccleston at Annapolis – that he enlisted in January 1777 & was upwards of six years in the public service. that he was in the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], White horse [skirmish at White Horse Tavern, Chester County PA, AKA Battle of the Clouds, 16 Sep 1777], at Gates defeat to the southward, Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden, 25 Apr 1781], Eutaws [Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], fort ‘96 [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May 19 Jun 1781], & variety of skirmishes and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Maryland Dorchester County SS.

On this thirty-first day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record which proceeds according to the course of Common Law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & having the power of fine and imprisonment for the said County) Aaron Jones aged about sixty one years resident in Dorchester County in said State who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: in Capt'n Handy's company of the Fifth Maryland Regiment, the date of his original declaration is the 5th day of May 1818, the number of his pension certificate now in his possession is 14,182. and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. A pension from the State of Maryland of Forty Dollars per year. 4 chairs, 1 old Table, 1 chest, 1 Iron pot some crockery ware 1 Skillet, valued by the court at the sum of

Five Dollars exclusive of the State pension, my occupation has been that of an Overseer on a Farm but am now unable to pursue it, I have two in family Viz myself, and wife aged 61 years unhealthy
Aaron hisXmark Jones

NOTE: On 21 May 1818 Benjamin LeCompte, a recent member of the Maryland legislature, certified that when he was a boy Aaron Jones was overseer for his father.