

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Philip Jones S36029 [and S34941; see endnote] MD
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District of Maryland, Prince Georges County Sct.

On this fourth day of April 1820, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the first Judicial district for the State of Maryland, personally appeared, Philip Jones aged about sixty two years, resident in Prince Georges County, in the said district, 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, entitled "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 Philip Jones enlisted at a very early period of the Revolutionary War with Capt. Nathaniel Smith in the service of the State of Maryland for eighteen months; at the expiration of this time, that he reenlisted with Capt. Richard Dorsey in the United States service for three years, as a matross or artilleryman, after the lapse of about eighteen months of this time, that he reenlisted with the same Officer at a place called Pluck them [sic: Pluckemin] in Jersey for during the war, and served till the expiration of the War, and his company was disbanded or discharged at Annapolis. That he was in the battle of Monmouth [NJ, 28 Jun 1778], where Capt. Rich'd. Dorsey's Company was attached to a Reg't. of Artillery commanded by Col. [Charles] Harrison of the Virginia line, the Lieut. Col. of the same Edward Carrington, and that he was in the Battle of Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780] where Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates commanded in chief, the Baron de Kalb, Gen'l. Gest [sic: Mordecai Gist] and Gen'l. [William] Smallwood all present and assistant, and was still attached he thinks to Harrison's Reg't. of Artillery, in this battle Capt. Dorsey was wounded, made prisoner and discharged by Lord Cornwallis on parole, upon Capt. Dorsey's arrival at Hillsborough [NC] the Head quarters of the American army after the Battle of Camden, he Philip Jones was ordered to attend him to Baltimore, where he remained till he was discharged, that he is now 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.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. Edmund Key

I Edmund Key one of the Associate Judges for the first Judicial District of the State of Maryland do certify that soon after the passage of the act of Congress under which this application is made an old paper purporting to be an honorable discharge granted by Richard Dorsey of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland late a Captain in the Maryland line to Philip Jones was put into my hands by some person unknown that I made frequent inquiries after Philip Jones & being unable to hear of him or find any person of his acquaintance I destroyed the paper supposing that said Jones was dead from his not appearing before me to take the oath required by law. the paper was destroyed about three months since. Given under my hand this sixth day of April 1820 Edmund Key

Circuit Court of the Unites States for the district of Columbia and County of Washington

On this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty personally appeared in open Court (Being a court of record for the district of Columbia and County of Washington) Philip Jones, aged sixty two years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820: that he the said Philip Jones enlisted for the term of three years (having first served 18 months in another company commaded by Capt. Nathaniel Smith in whose Regiment or line he does not now recollect) on some day in the month of October in the year 1777 in the State of Maryland in the company commanded by Capt Richard Dorsey in a Regiment commanded by Col Harrison, of the State of Virginia, in the line of the State of Maryland on the continental Establishment: that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the Revolutionary War at which time he was

discharged from the said service at Elk Ridge landing in the state of Maryland. That he was in the Battles of Monmouth and Camden and that he has no other evidence now in his power, of his said services except Col. Joseph Cross

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of 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 other 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

I also declare upon the oath aforesaid that I am by trade a brick layer and that I am old and infirm and capable of doing very little work and that I have no wife or children or any other persons to contribute to my support and that I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my Country

Philip hisXmark Jones

Auditor's Officer, Annapolis, June 26th 1820.

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining the Auditor's Office, that Philip Jones enlisted as a private in the 7th Maryland Regiment, on the 13th day of June 1778 and was on the 1st Nov'r. 1780 present.

Thos. Karney A.G.S.Md.

NOTE: The second number for the pension application is written beneath the first on the file cover, possibly by a clerk who realized that the two applications were by the same person. There are two pension certificates in the file. The first application was made under the act of 18 Mar 1818 about a month before the act of 1 May 1820 would have required Jones to return to court to prove financial need. Apparently he moved in the time between the two applications.