

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jones S4442

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State of Tennessee, Smith County Court, August Term A.D. 1832

On this 28 day of August 1832 William Jones a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged about Seventy years personally appeared before John Chambers, Solomon McMurray, William Gouit [?] who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

The applicant William Jones states that he entered the Service in the revolutionary war in Caswell County North Carolina in the early part of the war, but what year is not recollected, first under the command of Captain ~~Wm White~~ ^{as a volunteer} ~~whose name is now forgotten~~ on a tour of five ~~three~~ months, was in no engagement the Colonel commanding was Colonel ~~William Moore~~ ^{James Saunders} ~~And Gen.~~ ^{Major Thomas Harrison} Mr. James Peterson¹ was in a different company but the same Regiment. Was in no engagement -- received no written discharge -- ~~knows of no one now living by which I can prove this first tour.~~ ^{Philip Day² who now lives in Smith County can testify to my Service this tour.}

Also served a five months tour as a volunteer in the State of North Carolina & from Caswell County Was commanded by Captain William White; the Colonel commanding was Colonel James Saunders, and Major Thomas Harrison & Major George Moore was field officers of our Regiment; this campaign was as well as recollected in the latter part of 1778 and the first of 1779 Philip Day³ & John Knight³ now Smith County was out at the same time & can testify to my performing this tour of five months.

The applicant further states that he served a tour of twelve months in the State of North Carolina and was attached to a company commanded by Captain Tilmon Dixon [sic, Tilghman Dixon]; one of the Lieutenants was Will Saunders, both Dixon & Saunders died[?] in this County: -- Major Hall Dixon [sic, Hal or Henry Dixon] belonged to the same Regiment, and Colonel __ Armstrong commanded the Regiment. Was in the battle at Gates defeat in Camden South Carolina [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780].⁴ That he was discharged at Bacon's Bridge South Carolina the discharge has become worn out & destroyed. Has no written evidence and Support of this claim nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove this term of twelve months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

¹ [James Peterson W4050](#)

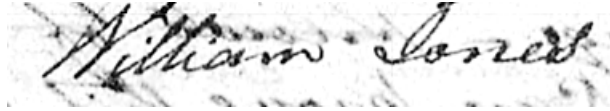
² [Philip Day W915](#)

³ [John Knight S1992](#)

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Jones". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

Sworn to in open Court 28 August 1832

S/ J. Birkett, Clerk

[John Bransford, a clergyman, and Philip Day gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee, Smith County

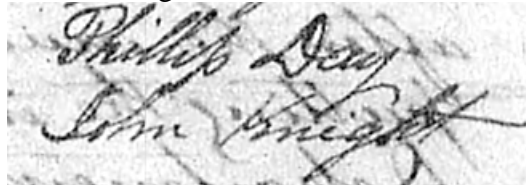
This day being the __ day of August 1832 Philip Day & John Knight, personally appeared in open court, and being first duly sworn, stated that they have been acquainted with William Jones who signed & was sworn to the above declaration; that they was with said Jones in the five months tour spoken of in the declaration, and from their acquaintance with him have no hesitation in saying that they believe he served the whole time as stated in his declaration.

Sworn & subscribed to in open court the day & year aforesaid.

Sworn to in open Court 28 August 1832.

S/ Phillip Day

S/ John Knight

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Phillip Day" and the bottom signature reads "John Knight". Both are written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that William Jones a private Soldier in Captain Yarborough's company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in 1781 for 12 months, and left the service on the 22nd day of May 1782.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[Facts in file: Veteran died March 27, 1836 in Smith County, Tenn. there is reference to the veteran having 6 children but Thomas B Jones a resident of Carthage Tennessee in 1837 is the only one whose name appears in this file. The file contains no other family data]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$73.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 22 months in the North Carolina militia and Continental line.]