

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Jones S4444

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State of Tennessee Weakley County

On this 14th day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 appeared before me one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the County & State aforesaid Richard Jones a resident of said County aged Eighty-four years who being 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 the 7th Day 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1774 or 5 not recollect which date as a Lieutenant under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & Colonel Washing [perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify Lieutenant Colonel William Washington] & Captain Gilmore served under them 8 months during which time I was in one engagement at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] where we took about four hundred Prisoners marched them to Salisbury where we left them next entered the service under General Green [perhaps Nathanael Greene] & Captain Telford [probably Alexander Tedford or Telford] served four months during which time I threw up my lieutenants place during which time was in one engagement at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] where I got wounded in the Head & nearly bled to death next was ordered out against the Indians in Kentucky during which service I hired a substitute to serve that Tour in my place. I was next called into service as Lieutenant under the command of Governor Sevier [John Sevier] the Governor of Tennessee under Captain Hindby [?] was in one engagement with the Indians at the Time that private Ware & Wallace was killed making in all I think upwards of two years.

Q 1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer – I was born in Wales & Emigrated to America at the Age of 8 years old & I think was born about the date of 1748

Q 2nd Where were you living when called into service

Answer – In Rockbridge County in the State of Virginia

Q 3rd Where have you lived since the Revolution War & where do you now live

Answer. I moved from Virginia to East Tennessee where I lived until I moved to Weakley County where I now live

Q 4th State the names of some of the Regular officers where you served such Continental & Militia regiments as you can Recollect and the Circumstances of your Service

Answer. Colonel Washington was Colonel of the Horse, Colonel Howard [probably John Eager

Howard] was Colonel of the foot & Morgan was General & I was generally in the service of what was called General Morgan's Rifle men.

Q. Did you ever receive a Commission & if so by whom was it signed & what has become of it.

Answer. I received a Lieutenant's commission signed by General Morgan but what has become of it I know not it has been so long since.

Q. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can Testify as to your character for veracity and their Belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. Joseph Collins, William Harmon & Samuel Fowler & Brigh Groomes & Mr. Anderson Crabtree

2. Have you any living Witness by whom you can prove your Services in the war of the Revolution.

Answer. None that I know of & I do furthermore swear that I am unable to attend the Court of this County on account of Bodily infirmity & that I have not nor do not Receive a pension from United States by any act of Congress previous to the act of the 7th of June 1832 & I do further swear that I am the reputed father of Colonel Francis Jones¹ a member of Congress some few years before his death & died about 4 years since.

Sworn & subscribed before me

S/ M. T. Span, JP

S/ Richard Jones



[Moses T Span, a clergyman, and George W Montgomery gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Weakley County

I Richard Jones a resident Citizen of the County of Weakley and State aforesaid do make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 being first duly sworn according to law aged eighty-four years the 8th day of January last according to the best of his recollection not having any record by which he can tell with absolute certainty. I the said Richard Jones do hereby declare that I went into the service of the Revolutionary War in the year 1780 from the County of Rockbridge in the state of Virginia where I then lived I was then commanded by Gilmore² who was our Captain McDowell [Samuel McDowell] was our Colonel we marched to the Cowpens where we had a battle and defeated the enemy General Morgan commanded in the battle I helped to guard the prisoners taken in said battle to someplace in North Carolina I think to Salisbury this tour was 3 or 4 months I was in actual service – we were then permitted to return home a short time about 2 months when I was again ordered into service under Captain Telford who was killed in the battle of Guilford Court house. I was in this battle and was wounded. Our commander was General Green [Nathanael Greene]. I again returned home and brought Captain Telford's Clothing for his family he having

¹ JONES, Francis, a Representative from Tennessee; birth date unknown; received a limited schooling; studied law; was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Winchester, Tenn.; solicitor general of the third Tennessee district in 1815; elected as a Republican to the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth Congresses (March 4, 1817-March 3, 1823); resumed the practice of his profession in Winchester, Franklin County, Tenn., and died there; death date unknown. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=J000218>

² They were to captains in the Rockbridge militia by the last name of Gilmore, one was James Gilmore and the other was John Gilmore.

been killed as before stated – my second tour was also 3 or 4 months long. I was ordered into service the third time to fight the Indians. I hired a substitute who went under Captain Fane who was killed at the battle at the Orchard – I gave a likely horse to my substitute to go against the Indians the tour was I think eight months long. I was again ordered into service to go to Eutaws but before we got there peace was made. I acted as Ensign in the battle of Guilford but I cannot recollect how long I served as such nor at what particular place I was made Ensign. I never got any written discharge and the reason as I was then told was because we were held subject to be ordered out at any time when ordered. I cannot recollect with certainty the length of each tour but I am perfectly satisfied I served in all the tours at least 16 months. I the said Richard Jones do hereby relinquish every other claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any other State.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this the day of April 1833

S/ J F Outhouse, JP

S/ M. T. Span, JP

S/ Richard Jones

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]