

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Jones S45872

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North Carolina }

Stokes County }

On this 14th day of December AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William Cox Wm. Poindexter & H. Lendeman the worshipful Justices then sitting & holding said Court Edward Jones a resident of Stokes County aforesaid aged seventy three years on the 7th of April last who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832

I was born in the County of Richmond State of Virginia on the 7th of April 1759 – And enlisted as a soldier of the Revolution under Thomas Armstead [sic: thomas Armistead], the 19th day of March 1777 for 3 years, or during the war, and I was put in Capt. Abner Crumps Company, in the 1st Virginia State Regiment, commanded by Col. [George] Gibson, at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] in Virginia. the Regiment marched in the fall of 1777 , join the Northern Army; about 40 of us was left behind with the Second Regiment Commanded by Col. [William] Brent; we marched from thence in March 1778 to Pennsylvania and joined General Washington at the Valley Forge; in June 1778 the Army pursued the British to Monmouth in the Jerseys, but I was left at the Yellow Springs sick, and did not join the Army untill October of the same year near to west Point. From thence we went into Winter Quarters at Middlebrook in the Jerseys. In the winter of 1779 I reenlisted for during the war, and in this year we went to the highlands of New york, our brigade commanded by General Mulenberg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] then we went with General [Anthony] Wayne to Stony Point on the 15th July 1779 – on the Hudson – on [two or three illegible words] in the Jerseys untill December the same year, when the Virginia line was ordered to march to the South. I obtained a Furlough at Philadelphia the 24th of December 1779 till the 1st of May 1780 to join the Army at Williamsburgh in Virg'a. From thence we marched to Petersburg and then again to Chesterfield C. House, and in February 1781, Baron Steuben chose 400 of us to reinforce Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]; I was put in Capt Sansom's [sic: Philip Sansum's] Company and the Regiment was commanded by Col. [Richard] Campbell, we joined Gen'l Green a few days preceeding the Battle at Guilford C. House in N. Carolina [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] – from thence we marched to Camden in S. Carolina where Rawdon gave us battle [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781], from thence we went to the Siege of 96 [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] – on the [illegible word] we then retreated to the high hills of Santee – and thence to the Eutaw Springs where we fought the British [8 Sep 1781], and in the engagement lost many of our brave brothers in Arms together with our esteemed Col. We then went again to the high hills of Santee, and from thence to the Round O. thence to several places in S. Carolina, and on the 14th of December 1782 we took possession of Charleston S. Carolina – we were ordered (what few Virginians were of us) to Georgia, in 1783 and from thence to Thunderbolt, below the Savanah Town at which place we received news of Peace – we met Gen'l. Wayne at Savannah River who took Alexander Parkers Company [of the 1st Virginia Brigade]) to which I belonged to go to Augusta to Treat with the Indians, so we came to Virginia by land, and I obtained my Discharge at the City of Richmond the 25th day of June 1783 which discharge is long since worn out and gone – I am now a resident of Stokes County N Carolina

Edward Jones

NB. The last action that I was in was in August 1782 on Cumell River S. Carolina where Col. Lawrence was killed [sic: Combahee River where Col. John Laurens was killed by ambush, 27 Aug 1782]. E. J. And the said Edward Jones doth hereby relinquish all & every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state whatever

[signed] Edward Jones

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Edward Jones/ age 22/ height 5' 2"/ planter/ born in Richmond County/ residing in Westmoreland County/ black hair/ blue eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 19 Mar 1777 for duration of war. "Sized 18th Feb'y 1781 belongs to the 1st Va. Reg't."