

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Jones S45873

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State of Virginia County of Fauquier: SS

On this 26th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Fauquier now sitting James Jones a resident of Culpeper County and State of Virginia aged 74 years 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. I was first called upon to guard some prisoners of Burgoyne's in the town of Warrington County of Fauquier and State of Virginia in the winter of seventy-six, seven or eight I do not recollect which of those winters. I served about three months under a Sergeant Morgan who had command of the Garrison, I entered again in the month of September 1778 or 1779 I do not recollect which under the command of Captain James Scott; Major Pickett [perhaps Martin Pickett] and Colonel Marshall; I was marched to the State of Maryland; beyond the town of Macholister [?]¹ at which place I was taken sick, and was discharged – i.e. served about a month that tour – I was called upon the next time to guard some arms; from Warrington Fauquier County and State of Virginia to the City of Richmond. I served about six weeks that tour under Sergeant James Hedley who was appointed to take charge of the arms – it was sometime in the summer of 1781 – I was next called upon in September 1781 I marched through Fredericksburg to Williamsburg and from thence to the siege of Yorktown – after the surrender of that place [October 19, 1781] I returned with the prisoners, and went with them to the barracks in Frederick County Virginia. I was discharged in the last of November; of that year I served under Captain Helm [perhaps Thomas Helm] Elias Edmonds commanded the Regiment.

Q. Where, and in what year were you born

Ans. In the County of Fauquier State of Virginia in the year 1758 the 20th of April –

Have you any record of your age

Ans. I have a record of it

How were you called into service

Ans. I volunteered in every case

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served

Ans. I never served under a regular officer except at the Siege of Yorktown in 1781. I joined the regular Army under General Washington at Williamsburg and marched to Yorktown –

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare



¹ [McAllister?]

my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ James Jones

subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm T. Jennings, Clerk

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Fauquier James Jones who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than eight months and a half to wit in the winter of 1776 – 1777 or 1778 I do not recollect which of those winters three months under a Sergeant Morgan who had command of a Garrison in the town of Warrington Fauquier County Virginia he had some of Burgoyne's prisoners under our care at the same time – I volunteered again the next fall under Captain Scott Major Pickett Colonel Marshall, I marched down the town of Macholister in the State of Pennsylvania, at which place I was taken sick and discharged. In the summer of 1782 I volunteered to guard some arms from Warrington Fauquier County Virginia to Richmond City under Sergeant Hedley. I was about six weeks in that service; In September of that year I volunteered under Captain Helm, Colonel Elias Edmonds commanded the Regiment. I was at the siege of Yorktown marched from thence with the prisoners to the barracks above Winchester Frederick County Virginia; and guarded them until the last of November of that year at which time I was discharged making a tour of three months, the whole length of my service being 8 months and a half. I am known to John Tougen, George Kemper, Charles Kemper and many others all of whom can testify as to my character as a man of truth, and their belief of my services a soldier in the revolution war. Given under my hand this 8th day of June 1833

S/ Wm Horner

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia service.]