

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Jones S5624

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State of Virginia King William county} SS

On this day the 23^d of November eighteen hundred & thirty two, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the county of King William & state of Virginia, James Jones, a resident of St Davids Parish in the county aforesaid and state aforesaid, aged eighty three years on the 1st day of July last (past), who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. - That he enlisted in the army of the united states in the year 1775 in the month of october, with Capt Benjamin Temple of King William county & state of Virginia, in the minute service, and continued in that service untill January 1776, at which time, the 24th day of January 1776 he again enlisted as a corporal under Captain Holt Richeson of the line, under the following Officers, to wit, Col Wm Dangerfield [sic: William Daingerfield], Colonel MacClannahan [sic: Alexander McClenachan] & major William Nelson field officers, Captain Holt Richeson, Leut Reuben Lipscomb, Lieut Benjamin Spiller and Ensign Nathaniel Fox company officers, that he left the service on the 2^d day of February 1778 at Vally forge [sic: Valley Forge] at which time & place he received his discharge from Brigadier Genl [William] Woodford; that the does not now recollect what he did with the discharge but is of the opinion that, some years after peace when attending at the auditors office, for the settlement of his account at the said office, that his discharge was demanded and delivered to the auditor — That he was in the Battles of Bound Brook New Jersey [12 Apr 1777], the Battle of Christian Bridge in the state of Delaware [Battle of Cooch's Bridge over Christiana River, 3 Sep 1777], the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and at the German town [Battle of Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], besides many skirmishes; — That he left Williamsburg in virginia on or about the 20th day of January 1777 under Colonel MacClannahan of the 7th Virginia Regt and marched to Philadelphia, thence to Bound Brook through Trenton & Princeton in the state of New Jersey, thence through Morristown to New York & returned to Philadelphia passing along what was called the upper road crossing the Delaware river (at the falls) at Howells ferry, thence to the cross Roads in Pennsylvania; Then he marched to meet the enemy who was reported to be landing at head of Elk in Delaware [sic: now Elkton MD], met & fought the enemy at Christian Bridge, thence to Brandywine, was in that Battle, thence to a place called Yellow Springs, were he encamped a short time, and marched thence to Germantown in Pennsylvania, was in the engagement, from German town he marched to white marsh [Whitemarsh PA] where he encamped and remained for a few days before christmas; whence he went into winter quarters at Vally forge, and was discharged on the 25 of Feby 1778 at that place by Brigadier Gen. Woodford — He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an anuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state whatever and that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person at this time whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service — James hisXmark Jones
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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This day personally appeared before me a justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid, Leonard Shackelford [pension application S6085] of the County of King & Queen & state of Virginia, and made oath that he was 73 years of age on the 15th of August last; and that he is very well acquainted with Capt James Jones of the county of King Wm - that he believes him to be fully 83 years old, that the said Jones has ever lived, to the best of his knowledge in the county of King Wm, - that he well knows that Capt James Jones was a revolutionary soldier, having served with him in the 7th Virginia regiment fully 2 years, having performed the same service, being with him at the battles of Brandywine, Germantown & Bound Brook, and discharged at the same period at Valy forge in 1778 by Brigade Genl Woodford. - Give under my hand this 27th day of November 1832. J. J. Roane JP.

NOTE: Jones deposed on behalf of the widow of Thomas Quarles (R17251) on 23 Jan 1833, at which time the following was written: "The affiant in the foregoing affidavit is an old and respectable inhabitant of said County of King William... and that the said Jones is very infirm, and in consequence of having lost a leg several years since he is unable to attend Court in person."