

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Taverner Jones S5627

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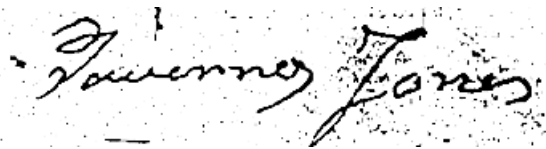
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Virginia Madison County SS

On this 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Madison now sitting Taverner Jones a resident of Madison County in the State of Virginia aged Seventy-Seven 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 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – In the month of August or September 1777 I was drafted for a two months tour in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia where I then resided. I now reside in the County of Madison which was taken off from Culpeper about the year 1792. I served this my first tour of duty under Captain Henry Hill, the Regiment when I marched was under the command of Colonel James Barbour, I crossed the Potomac River at Noland's ferry and joined the Army under General Washington in the neighborhood of Philadelphia passing through Frederick town in the State of Maryland and Little York & Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania, At this time the enemy had possession of Philadelphia. At the expiration of this tour of service I was discharged and returned home. It was the last of November we reached home. In the month of January 1781 I was drafted again for a two months tour from the County and State where I resided when first drafted. I was attached to the Company commanded by Captain John Rodgers and marched to the neighborhood of Fredericksburg and stationed at Hunters Fource [Hunter's Forge] for the purpose of protecting that place, I was only in service about two weeks before the troops were discharged; as it was ascertained that their presence was not wanting at that point, About the first of May 1781 I was drafted the third time for a tour of two months and attached to the Company commanded by Captain Elijah Kirtley the Regiment to which I was attached was commanded by Colonel Alcock, the Regiment joined the Continental Army under General Lafayette no great distance from Richmond Virginia then on the Retreat to Raccoon Ford in Culpeper County Virginia, at which place we met the Troops under the Command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], The united forces under the two last mentioned generals made a movement towards Richmond Virginia by cutting a new road which I assisted in making – soon after reaching the Tidewater Country near Richmond Virginia I was at that time detached with others to keep a lookout between the American Army and the enemy. I was armed with a Rifle and never remained many

hours in the same position. It was whilst on this kind of service that the small scouting party to which I belonged encountered a small party of the enemy at a church seven miles from Jamestown called Hickory Nut where we exchanged fires and both parties retreated and each with a loss of a few prisoners and a few wounded. A few days after this last mentioned affair at the Church a considerable portion of the troops near this place called old Jamestown encountered a portion of the Enemy's troops at Jamestown [this may be a reference to the engagement near James town on July 6, 1781] and after exchanging many fires both parties in a measure drew off and I was ordered to assist in dressing sixty or seventy head of Cattle which we had taken from the enemy. My memory does not enable me to say positively which of our Officers had the Command but I am inclined to the belief that it was General Wayne. In this last mentioned affair I was attached to the Company under Captain Kirtley, shortly after this I was attached to a portion of the Army and ordered to the South side of Rames River [? James River?]¹ under the Command of Colonel Campbell or General Morgan I can say which positively. I was however regularly discharged in the County of Amelia or at any rate the place was called Amelia Bridge. About the first of September 1781 and not more than a month or so after returning from the above third tour, I was again drafted for a two months tour from the same County and State in which I resided when heretofore drafted. The Company to which I belonged was commanded by Captain William Triplett, The troops went down to the tide water Country in Virginia in great haste and I can say who it was that Commanded the Regiment – but I well remember General Edward Stevens of Culpeper County Virginia Commanded the Brigade. After reaching the neighborhood of Williamsburg Virginia and troling a short time I marched on to Yorktown and joined the American Army under General Washington then carrying on the Siege. I was in active service during the whole of the Siege and after the surrender of the British Army [October 19, 1781] assisted in guarding the Prisoners to Winchester in Virginia where I was discharged and returned home. The discharge is long since lost, I was born in the County of Culpeper in Virginia in the year 1755. I have no written record in my own possession but I have reason to believe it is the real date of my birth. I have never resided more than 10 miles from my present residence from the day of my birth. I refer to 2 of my neighbors General William Madison and Colonel Linn Banks. The affidavits of William Twyman and Robert Clark are here with enclosed. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

S/ Taverner Jones



[John Kehler, a clergyman, and William Twyman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

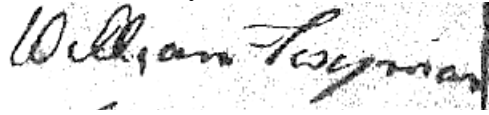
I William Twyman² of the County of Madison and State of Virginia aged seventy-eight years do hereby certify that in the year 1777 I was drafted to perform a Tour of two months in the militia drafted from the County of Culpeper (now Madison) for a Tour of two months, and I hereby certify that Taverner Jones my neighbor was drafted and performed the tour with me. I have

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² [William Twyman S7771](#)

resided near Taverner Jones and can say in fact that I have been acquainted with all his life. I have reason to believe that he was in the militia in other tours but the one Tour is the only one that we performed together. Given under my hand this 23rd day of August 1832

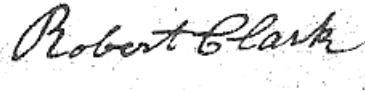
S/ William Twyman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Twyman".

I Robert Clark³ of the County of Orange in State of Virginia aged about seventy-eight I years do hereby certify that Taverner Jones, now of the County of Madison, served a tour of duty in the Revolutionary War as a militia man from the County of Culpeper – the Tour as well as I remember was about three months – in the year 1781 – I was a militia man from the County of Orange at the same time and knew him before he went into service during the service and ever since.

Given under my hand the 31st day of August 1832.

S/ Robert Clark

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Clark".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for services as a private for 6 months and 14 days in the Virginia militia.]

³ Probably the same man as [Robert Clark \(Clarke\) S8210](#)