

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Jones S5630

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State of Virginia – County of Spotsylvania to wit


On this the first day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Spotsylvania in open Court sitting, Thomas Jones a resident of the County of Spotsylvania 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed 7 June 1832 – viz.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of September 1776 or 1777 as a private under Captain Charles Bibbing and served under the following named Officers, viz.: the said Captain Charles Bibbing, Captain Samuel Hawes, Lieutenant James Upshaw, Lieutenant __ Woolfolk [either Charles or John Woolfolk], and afterwards in the militia service under Captain Anthony New and Captain Philip Buckner – the names of their subaltern Officers not recollected. He states that at the time of his enlistment he resided in the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia and enlisted as a private under Captain Charles Bibbing for twelve months, for the purpose of performing any duty that might be required of the Company of which he was a member, and understood at this time of his enlistment that the company was not to be attached to any Regiment, but was to be kept in readiness and embodied to render actual service whenever it should receive marching orders – within a few days after his enlistment, he was marched to Bull Church in the County of Caroline by Captain Charles Bibbing where he remained twelve days, after which he was permitted with the rest of the Company to return home, but with orders to hold themselves in readiness to rendezvous at any moment they might be called upon. About 10 days thereafter, he was again called into service and was put under the command of Captain Samuel Hawes, Lieutenant James Upshaw and Lieutenant Woolfolk and under those officers in the County of Caroline for ten months, marching to and fro in the said County and never stationed for any length of time at any one place and waiting for further orders, during all this time he was in actual service and was not employed in any civil pursuit; after the expiration of the ten months he was again permitted to return home, to be again called into service for his unexpired term of enlistment should occasion required it; very shortly after his return home he was married and within a few days thereafter was again ordered into service, when he hired one George Hampton as his substitute who performed the balance of his enlistment tour. He further states that about the first of September (the precise day not recollected) in 1780, he was drafted in Caroline (where he still resided) and marched as a private under Captain Anthony New from the said County below Williamsburg, he passed through Richmond and went to a Garrison on the South side of James River below Richmond, from the

Garrison he was marched to Cabin Point, and from thence below Williamsburg and there stationed; after some time he was marched with about 170 others to Colonel Burwell's buildings and there stationed as a guard, he remained there a week or more, from thence he was marched back to Cabin Point and from thence to Petersburg where he was discharged about the middle or near the close of December following viz. December 1780 – making a tour of three months and a half. In the following spring and as well as he recollects early in the month of March 1781, he was again drafted from the County of Caroline and marched from thence as a private under Captain Philip Buckner and again marched below Williamsburg, passing through Richmond during this tour he was kept constantly in motion, scouring the Country below Williamsburg and thinks he was again discharged at Petersburg. He states that he was discharged about the middle of May 1781 making a tour of rather nine [sic, nigh? or near? or more?]¹ than three months. Thus making in all a service of one year and five months fully during all of which time he was either in camp or marching and rendering actual service and not employed in any civil pursuit. He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person now alive whose testimony he can obtain to prove his service. He also states that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot give the precise dates of the several times of going into and leaving the service, but feels no hesitation in saying that he served as a private during the revolutionary war as above set forth fully one year and five months. He further states that during the war he lived in the County of Caroline, and shortly after its termination removed to the County of Spotsylvania where he has resided ever since. He states further that he has never received any compensation whatsoever for his revolutionary services.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Jones



The following questions were then propounded by the Court –

1. Where and in what year were you born – Answer. In the County of Caroline and on the 10th September 1755.
 2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it – Answer – I had but it is now lost, I do not know what has become of it.
 3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live? Answer. In my declaration I have already stated that I lived in the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia when called into service, and that shortly after the war I removed to this County – the County of Spotsylvania and have resided here ever since.
 4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute, for whom? Answer. I was first enlisted, we called it enlisting, it might have been volunteering and served ten months & twelve days – was afterwards drafted and served three months and a half and was again drafted and served rather more than three months.
- [5] State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served,



such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service –

I do not recollect having been with any regular Officers. The Company of which I was a member on each occasion was never attached to any Regiment consequently I knew none of the regiments then in service if I did I have forgotten them, my memory has almost entirely failed me since a violent space of sickness with which I was afflicted a few years since and from which I have not yet entirely recovered. I have given the names of the only officers I knew except the subalterns of Captain Bibbing, Captain New and Captain Buckner and their names I have forgotten – it has been a long time since I was with them and was with them only a short time – For the general circumstances of my service I refer you to the full born declaration.

[6] Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. Answer. I received discharges, but have lost them, I did not think them worth preserving, nether expecting to have any occasion for them. I suppose they were given to me by my captains.

[7] State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

I would refer to anyone who is acquainted with me, say the Reverend Jeremiah Chandler – John a Billingsley, one of your Worships, Colonel Robert Crutchfield and Mr. Lewis Rawlings.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Jones

[Jeremiah Chandler, a clergyman, Robert Crutchfield and Lewis Rawlings gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: For some reason not clear to me a complete copy of the foregoing declaration also appears in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the Virginia service.]