

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Jones S5631

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Virginia, to wit:

On this 23rd day of October 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of Halifax County now sitting John Jones a resident of the County of Halifax and State aforesaid aged seventy four 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 June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States on the first day of March in the year 1779 being drafted and march from the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia in a Company of drafted Militia which was commanded by Capt Peter Rogers Lieut. Anthony Irby, and Ensign Peter Barksdale, to Salsberry [sic: Salisbury] in the State of North Carolina when we joined the Regiment which was commanded by Major Hubbard [William Hubard] Colo [David] Mason, and Colo. Burwel [Burwell] and were stationed at that place two or three weeks, then marched to Mecklenburg in the same State from thence to Camden in South Carolina from thence to Head Quarters near Stono [sic: Stono River SC] where we joined the main Army under Genl. [Benjamin] Lincoln a battle was fought at Stono [sic: Battle of Stono Ferry] in the month of July [sic: 20 June] 1779. I was not in the battle being detailed to guard the tents, camp, equipage, provisions & Lieut Irby of our unit was shot in the knee and died from the wound. We still staid in the neighbourhood of Stono until our term of service expired. I was discharged by Capt Rogers near Stono South Carolina in the month of August 1779. the whole time of service rendered on this tour including the time of travelling home was upwards of six months, my discharge is lost but the service rendered is proved by Caleb Dodson [pension application R2996] and Edward Henderson [S15885] who were soldiers with me in the same Company and served at the same time.

I again entered the service of the United States some time in the winter 1781 being drafted and marched from the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia, to the best of my recollection in a Company of Militia under the Command of Capt Waddleton into the State of North Carolina and joined Genl. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army and march with him in various directions not being stationed long at any one place, until we met with the British under Lord Cornwallis and had a severe battle with them in the County of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] we were forced to retreat but met again at Troublesome Iron works near Haw River and then pursued the British as far as Ramseys Mill on Deep River where I was discharged about the last of March 1781. the whole time of service rendered on this tour was six or seven weeks I have lost my discharge and know no person living that was in service with me on that tour. I was born in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] in the State of Virginia in the year 1758. My age was recorded in a family ["Bible" apparently left out] that is now in my possession I lived in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia when I entered the service of the revolution I lived in that County when the war ended and have lived in that county ever since.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. John hisXmark Jones

I Edward Henderson of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia do hereby Certify and Solemnly Swear that I have long been acquainted with John Jones of said County and know positively that he was a Soldier of the Revolution that he marched with me in the year 1779 from the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia in a Company of Melitia which was commanded by Capt. Rogers and Lieut. Irby through the State of North Carolina to Stono in the State of South Carolina where we remained untill our term of service expired and that the said John Jones was honorably discharged at that place. Given under my hand and seal this 25 day of September 1832 Edward hisXmark Henderson

I Caleb Dodson of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia do hereby Certify and Solemnly Swear, that I have been acquainted with John Jones of said County upwards of fifty years and know that he was a Revolutionary Soldier. That he marched from the County of Halifax in the year 1779 with me in a Company of Militia under the Command of Captain Peter Rogers – Lieut Anthony Irby and Ensign Peter Barksdale through the state of North Carolina to Stono, in the State of South Carolina and served a tour of five Months & that the said John Jones was Honorably discharged at that place to the best of my recollection in the Month of August 1779
Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of September 1832

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caleb Dodson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

State of Virginia, to wit,

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace for the County of Halifax, and State aforesaid John Jones, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the exact day that he entered the service (except the 1st Tour) or to a day when he left the service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than seven months and fourteen days as a private in the war of the Revolution. his first tour was six months, and his second tour six or seven weeks, and for such service he claims a pension, that he served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority, that he was either in the field, in camp, or on duty, and for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit —

Given under my hand and seal this 6 day of July 1833 [signed] M Bailey

I have put the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to John Jones, who, is an applicant for a pension under the Act of 7th June 1832. and find that his answer to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Question is annexed to his declaration made before the Court of Halifax County, on the 23rd day of October 1832 and that his answer to the 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th Question are as follows—to wit,

4th I was drafted.

5th All the officers, the Regiments, and General Circumstances of my service are stated in my declaration, I remember nothing more.

6th I Received a Discharge from Capt. Rogers, I also Received a Discharge from another officer. (I forget his name, both are lost or mislaid)

7th Colo. Thomas Davenport, Capt. Anthony Sydnor and many others can testify as to my Character for Veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to before me, a Justice of the peace for the County of Halifax, State of Virginia, this 6th day of July 183[3] [signed] M Bailey

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the children of John Jones received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 17 March 1837.