

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Jean S7071

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

North Carolina, Surry County

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record and held as such this day for the County and State aforesaid, William Jean, a resident citizen of said County, aged 72 years the 11th of March last, who being 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 7th of June 1832, to wit that he said William Jean served a three months tour as a volunteer militia soldier in the year 1776 under Captain Benjamin Seawell of Bute County at that time, but since divided into Franklin and Warren Counties, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dozier [Peter Dauge] he thinks the name was: that General Caswell [Richard Caswell] commanded the Brigade: that he marched from his residence in Bute, now Warren and Franklin Counties, to Wilmington in North Carolina where they remained to watch a British vessel of war then lying at the Mouth of the Cape Fear River: that after the expiration of the term of service he did not obtain any written or regular discharge; that he has not now in his power any evidence of his said service because he now resides one hundred and fifty miles from the place of his former residence, and most if not all of his old neighbors are either dead or removed away --

And the said William Jean further states that he served another tour as a drafted militia soldier for three months under the Quarter master General Colonel Long [Nicholas long], and acted as a public blacksmith in the service under the command as above stated of Colonel Long - - That after the expiration of this service he did not obtain a written or regular discharge, but was verbally discharged by the commanding officer; that being now a Citizen of Surry County one hundred and fifty miles from his former residence he cannot that he knows of produce any evidence of his service except his own declaration --

And the said William Jean 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.

And in answer to the following interrogatories to said William Jean gives the annexed answers

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Brunswick County and State of Virginia in the year 1759 --

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer -- My Father was a member of the Episcopal Church and I expect my age was there recorded: I also found a record in my Father's Bible, and I took it from thence and placed it in my own Bible --

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer -- I was living in Bute County now Warren County North Carolina when first called into service: when called into service the second time I was living in Halifax County North Carolina which adjoined Bute County. From Halifax I removed to Guilford County NC: from Guilford I removed to Stokes County in said: and from Stokes to Surry County NC where I have resided for about 12 years -- Guilford, Stokes and Surry are all adjoining Counties in North Carolina

[4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?]

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- I have in the body of my declaration answered most of the points in this interrogatory -- I will state in the answer that I recollect the name of Lieutenant Colonel John Armstrong of the regular Army: I also remember I think the name of General Moore who commanded the American Troops: the Lieutenant militia Colonel under whom I first served was named Lea, Gee, or Ivy, the spelling of it is not remembered.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer -- The answer is already embodied in the foregoing part of this declaration --

7<sup>th</sup> 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer -- I would mention the names of Michael and Henry Daub, the former of whom he is a preacher with the Methodist Church, and the latter a Justice of the peace in Stokes County North Carolina; also of John Conrad Esquire formerly a Justice of the peace, who are my neighbors and acquaintances although residing in the adjoining County of Stokes, myself residing near the line: they have given certificates of my character which are hereto annexed -- In the County of Surry I could name Joseph Williams Esquire Clerk of the Superior Court, John Wright Esquire Clerk of the County Court, Henry P. Poindexter Esquire a Justice of the Peace in Surry County: and Peter Clingman Esquire merchant and postmaster in the Town of Huntsville Surry County, North Carolina -- Having been myself a preacher in the Methodist Church for about 40 years, I am well acquainted with, and could name many other persons but it is deemed unnecessary to go further into detail --

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Wright, CC

S/ William Jean



By S/ F. K. Armstrong, DC

[Michael Daub, a clergyman, and Henry Daub gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 15: The following application for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Missouri agency appears to me to be in the veteran's own handwriting.

To the President of the United States Branch Bank  
 and Agent for paying Pensioners at Fayetteville  
 North Carolina, I William Jean, a Pensioner of the  
 United States, have drawed my Pension from your  
 office in September 1833, sense that I have removed  
 to the State of Missouri, I am at a loss to know how  
 to get my Pension in this State, I have not been norden  
 as yet to St Lewis, some of the people advise me one  
 Way and some a nother, but I have concluded to write  
 to you Sir, to know if you cannot drop my name  
 and grant me a transfer to the Agent at St. Lewis  
 if you can do it in this way or any other, it would  
 oblige me as I am in great need of it, if it can be done  
 please to send it by the mail to Lafayette County  
 Lexington P. off., State of Missouri; if you can not  
 do it so as for me to obtain my Pension, please to  
 direct me how to proceed in order to come at it,  
 please to let it be known that I shall be intitled  
 to draw for a year in September 1836.  
 Sir if you can and will fix my Business so as  
 I can draw it, you will every much oblige  
 your Humble Servant - William Jean  
 15<sup>th</sup> August 1836  
 At Agent,  
 Oct 4 1836 ✓ ]

[Facts in file: There is a letter in the file dated Sept. 4, 1844, addressed to the Commissioner of Pension in Washington, DC, dateline Cool Spring, Lafayette Cty Mo, on behalf of Elizabeth Jean, widow of William Jean, a pensioner at the rate of \$28/annum; that William Jean had applied for transfer of his pension payment to Missouri because he had moved there to be with his family, all of his children having moved to the State of Missouri; application for transfer dated August 15, 1836. Other correspondence in the file refers to the veteran as the Reverend William Jean, a Methodist minister.]

[p 2: Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private and as an artificer in the North Carolina militia.]