

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Jones S7076

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State of North Carolina, Stokes County

On the 12th Day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court for the Justices of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions aforesaid County, now sitting (being a Court of Record having by law a seal and Clerk) Benjamin Jones, resident of Stokes County and State of North Carolina, aged Seventy Nine years on the 28th Day of March next, 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 the 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Virginia Militia as a volunteer under the command of Captain Edward Booker sometime (he believes in the Spring) of 1776, who was employed in guarding some British prisoners at Amelia Court House and marched from thence by Fredericksburg to Dumfrust [Dumfries?] and was discharged at that place. That he never had any written discharge for this service and knows of no person by whom he can prove it. This tour of service was for three months.

He further states that having removed from the State of Virginia, the time he does not recollect, he next entered the service as a volunteer in the North Carolina Militia, for the term of five months, under Captain James Sheppard [James Shepherd], in Col Brevard's [Hugh Brevard's] Regiment. He rendezvoused in Surry County (now Stokes) in the State of North Carolina, some time in November 1778 and marched through Salisbury North Carolina, from thence to Camden, South Carolina and thence to General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Camp South Carolina, thence to Purysburg, thence to the Two Sisters [ferry], thence to a place called Turkey Hill, thence to Augusta Georgia and thence to Briar Creek and was in that engagement [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]¹ and from thence, returned to Turkey Hill South Carolina where he received his discharge which discharge is herewith enclosed.

He further states that some time after the first of October 1780, he again entered the service of the United States, as a volunteer in the Militia of North Carolina, and served a tour of three months under the command of Captain Minor Smith, he rendezvoused at Olde Richmond, then Surry Court House, and marched from thence through Wilkes County North Carolina to Crider's Fort North Carolina and from thence to the Cherokee Ford on Broad River and thence to Kings Mountain, and was in that engagement [Battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780],² and returned by the way of Beatties Ford on the Catawba, and the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin, and the Moravian town in Surry County (now Stokes) thence to Guilford Court House, he was

¹ www.georgiasocietysar.org/revtrail/pdf/brochure_briercreek.pdf

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

commanded principally by Major Joseph Winston, but the chief command on the day of the Battle was given to Colonel Campbell [William Campbell]. He received no written discharge for this tour of service, but expects to prove the same (or in part by Lewis Wolff³ whose affidavit is herewith enclosed) the balance of the time he proves by his own oath, as he knows of no person by whom he can prove it.

He further states that in the latter part of the Summer or first of the Fall of the year 1781, he entered the service of the United States as an Ensign, in the Militia of North Carolina, under Captain William Bostick in Colonel Francis Locke's Regiment, and served three months, he was called back under Colonel Armstrong [Martin Armstrong] of Surry County and was transferred to Colonel Locke [Francis Locke], he rendezvoused at Salisbury North Carolina, and marched to Charlotte to Camden, South Carolina where Colonel Malmady [sic, Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady (also Malmèdy)] (a French officer) took the command (Colonel Locke being sick) and thence to General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] headquarters, he then marched with General Greene to the Eutaw Springs and was in that engagement [Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]⁴ and marched back nearly the same route to Salisbury North Carolina, where he was discharged by Colonel Locke, the commission which he served under is herewith enclosed.

He further states that he was engaged in a number of other expeditions, but at no one time more than two or three weeks, and does not recollect his officers and circumstances with sufficient precision to state them. This deponent swears that he was born in King William County in the State of Virginia in the year A. D. 1754, that he has no record of his age.

That when called into service he was living as above stated, that now he lives in Stokes County State of North Carolina, and has done so since the year A. D. 1779, that he entered the service, as above stated; as to officers, Regiments and service, and all the circumstances relating thereto as nearly as at this time is in his power.

That he never received any discharges but what is herein stated and enclosed. That he is known to Thomas T. Armstrong and Joseph W. Winston Esq. who can and will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and who can and will testify as to the character for veracity of the said Lewis Wolff.

S/ Jno. Hill

S/ Thos Armstrong

S/ Jos W. Winston

He the said Benjamin Jones 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 & subscribed the day & year above mentioned.

S/ Jno. Hill

S/ Benjamin Jones, X his mark

[p 20: Thomas Armstrong and Joseph W Winston gave the standard supporting affidavit together with their statement that the veteran is almost entirely blind.]

[p 22: John L. Wilson, a clergyman, and Joshua Banner gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

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Camp Turkey Hill So. Carolina

³ [Lewis Wolf \(Wolff\)\[a/k/a Johann Ludwig Wolff\] W4403](#)

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

This is to Certify that Benjamin Jones at [sic] Soldier in Captain Shepards Company Colo. Brevards Regement in G. Rutherfords Brigade of No Carolina malitia hath Served the time of which he was Drafted as a faithfull Soldier And he is hereby Discharged from the Sd. Service Given under my hand this [paper damaged and text rendered illegible]

S/ Hu Brevard Colo. [Hugh Brevard]

Camp Turkey Hill S. Carolina
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A Soldier in Captain Shepards Company Colo
Brevards Regement in G Rutherfords Brigade
of No Carolina Malitia hath served the time
for which he was Drafted as a faithfull Soldier
And he is hereby Discharged from the Sd Service
Given under my hand this 10th day of April 1779
H. Brevard Colo

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Camp [Camp] [at] Turkey hil [Hill] Aprile [April] 10th 1779

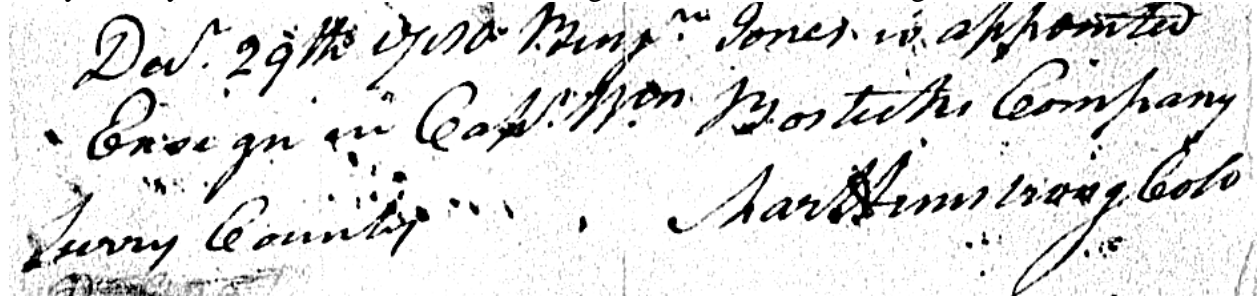
Benjamin Jones a solger [soldier] in Capt. sheperds Company Colo. Brevard's Rigement [Regiment] having his tower [tour] of Duty Five months in Discharged from said servis [service] Given under our hands

S/ James Sheperd Capt.

Camp Turkey Hill April 10th 1779.
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Given under our hands
James Sheperd Capt

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Surry County Mart. Armstrong Colo [Martin Armstrong]



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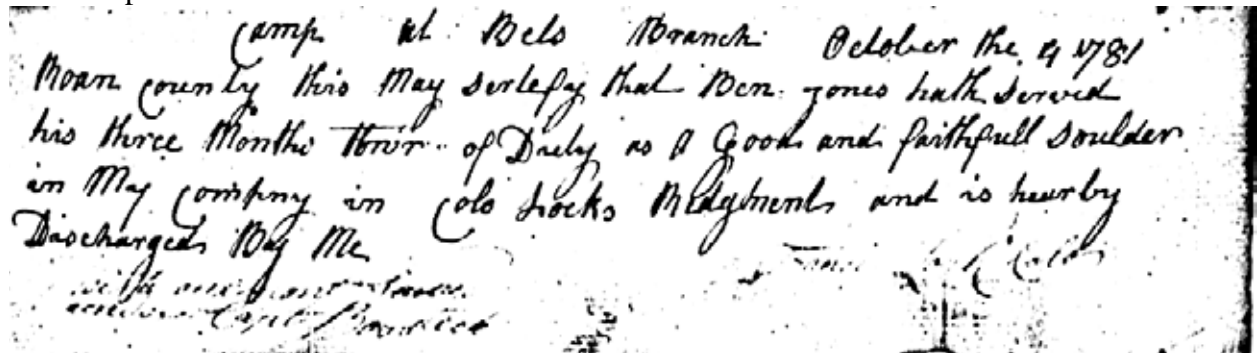
Camp at Bels Branch [Bells Branch?] October the 9th 1781

Roan County [Rowan County] this May sertefy [certify] that Ben Jones hath Served his three months Tour of Duty as a Good and faithful Soulder [soldier] in My Company in Colonel Lock's Redgmt [Regiment] and is hereby Discharged by Me.

with one [too faint to discern]

under Capt. Bostick

Francis Lock Colo.



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Francis Lock

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North Carolina Stokes County

Personally appeared before me Charles Banner a Justice of the Peace for Stokes County North Carolina Benjamin Jones the above named applicant for a pension who being by me duly sworn according to law saith that owing to old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect with perfect certainty the precise length & character of his revolutionary services but he very well knows and is confident that he served at least fourteen months – Eleven months of which was as a private militia man & three months as an Ensign under the appointment of Colonel Martin Armstrong – But he is unable to make direct proof of the service being performed in that capacity and as his discharge does not speak of him as Ensign he consents to be considered a private for the entire time & claims a pension accordingly. That he is on account of his age & the loss of sight unable to attend before the Court to make this affidavit 11th June 1833

Before me

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Benj. Jones, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the Virginia and North Carolina militias.]