

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas Jones S7083

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State of North Carolina, Iredell County

On this 6th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me James Campbell a justice of the peace in and for the County of Iredell Nicholas Jones a resident of said County aged 84 years and who I certify from his age and infirmities he is unable to attend the Court of said County and who being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th day of June 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 as a volunteer under Captain Ried [sic, probably Samuel Reid of the Rowan County militia regiment] for three months in the foot and joined the Corps under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] -- this tour was performed from about the Shallow Ford to Salisbury and on the Pee Dee [Pedee River] and was sent on to General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] and was with him in the skirmish where he was routed at Fishing Creek [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780]<sup>1</sup> in South Carolina this was a three months tour afterwards he volunteered and performed another tour in the horse in the same division in the horse, and was in the engagement when General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] fell at Colson's.<sup>2</sup> He was afterwards discharged at Charlotte. That he served another tour of three months first under Captain Johnsons [John Johnston] and afterwards under Captain Locke [probably Matthew Locke] Served about three weeks then called out after the British Army crossed the Catawba [River] in pursuit of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan]. He joined the retreating Army at Salisbury. He was in two expeditions against the Indians one of four weeks and another of five weeks under Captain Reed. That in one of those expeditions he went as far as the Cowee towns and a day beyond them. That he was in some other short expeditions. He honestly and conscientiously believes that he was more than twelve months in actual Service. He was born in the State of Delaware about the year 1758. He has no record of his age. He was living in Rowan County NC at the time he was called into Service and has lived mostly in Iredell County since that time --

He always volunteered. He did receive one discharge but has lost it. Refers to William

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_fishing\\_creek.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishing_creek.html)

<sup>2</sup> Sic, General William Lee Davidson was killed at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River on February 1, 1781. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cowans\\_ford.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html). Gen. Davidson did command the troops at the engagement on July 21, 1780 at Colson's mill in North Carolina. [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_colsons\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_colsons_mill.html)

Scott Esquire and James Orton. That he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person by whose testimony he can prove his Services. And I hereby relinquish all 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.

S/ Nicholas Jones, J his mark

Sworn and subscribed before me on this 6th day of September 1832

S/ J. Campbell, JP

[William Scott and James Orton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Iredell County

This day came Nicholas Jones before me the Subscribing Justice of the Peace in and for said County and being sworn in due form of law doth upon his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress of 7th June 1832.

That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades His first service of three months was in the foot under Captain Reid Major Johnson, Colonel Locke & General Rutherford, this service was about and at the time of Gates defeat<sup>3</sup> 3 months  
His second tour in the horse in the same division of the Army. The fall of General Davidson was during this service. 3.00

That as soon as this tour expired he entered another in the horse which was performed in the same division of the Army under Captain Johnson & Colonel Locke on foot 3.00

That his two tours against the Indians under Colonel McDowell on foot was not less than  
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11.2

He was always a private

Sworn & Subscribed before me the 27th day of May 1833.

S/ J. Campbell, JP

S/ Nicholas Jones, J his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.21 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia in both the Infantry & Cavalry for 11 months and 14 days.]

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<sup>3</sup> Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780