

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Jones S7084

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State of North Carolina, Duplin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, the court aforesaid now in session Elisha Jones a resident of the County and State aforesaid seventy-one years of age who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated in the year 1780 he entered a company of Minute Man Commanded by Captain James Love as a volunteer for a tour of six months during which service he was marched from Duplin to Fayetteville then called Cross Creek that his Company there joined other troops & marched to Grassy Island on the Pee Dee [Pedee River] thence to the Wateree River where they joined the Army of General Gates [Horatio Gates] a few days after that a Battle was fought at Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]<sup>1</sup> where General Gates' Army was defeated which this Declarant & others retreated into North Carolina & this tour of service being over returned home to Duplin County. That he again entered the service with Captain Love & served one month when the Captain was killed at the little Bridge near Wilmington having been surprised at the house of a Mr. Rouse, that after his return home a draft took place for 18 months men & he hired one Samuel Waller as his Substitute for that time that Waller served as his substitute under Capt.

— Then he further declares that at the times he entered the service he lived in Duplin County  
He hereby relinquishes every Claim to a pension or Annuity except the present &  
declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.  
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Eli Jones



Test: S/ James Pearsall, Clk

Questions propounded by the Court

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

Answer I was born in the County of Dobbs (now Wayne) on 20th February 1761

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

Answer I have not my uncle carried to the family Bible boy with him

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

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 in the County of Duplin State of 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?

Answer I have already explained that as fully as I can in my foregoing declaration

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 Captains Coleman & Rhodes. I have already stated the circumstances connected with my service so far as I can recollect

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 I did receive a discharge from Captain Love which is lost or mislaid

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 Jno Watkins Esqr. William Taylor & others

8<sup>th</sup> Is there any Clergyman in the neighborhood in which you live

Answer there is not

[John Watkins & William Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

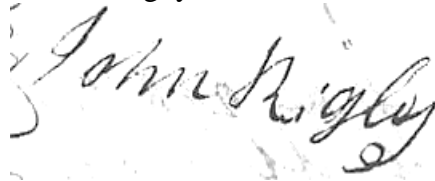
State of North Carolina, Duplin County

This day John Rigby<sup>2</sup> a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy years personally appeared before me one of the Justices in and for said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath of firm that he is well acquainted with Elisha Jones of said County that he became acquainted with him during the Revolutionary War, That affiant was in service with said Jones & knows that he served as a private soldier in the company Commanded by Captain James Love during which service which was for six months he was in the Battle of Camden.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 29th day of March A.D. 1833.

S/ Jere Pearsall, JP

S/ John Rigby



State of North Carolina, Duplin County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Elisha Jones who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as 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 which is also set forth in his declaration and in the following grades, viz. 7

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<sup>2</sup> [John Rigby S9057](#)

months as a private soldier and 18 months by substitute for which he advanced his money for which he claims a Pension.

S/ Elisha Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisha Jones". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

Witness this 29th day of March A.D. 1833

S/ Jere Pearsall, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]