

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Jones S8759

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State of North Carolina, Sampson County: SS

On this 18th day of July 1833 personally appeared before us John Rainer & John Benton two of the acting Justices of the peace for said County Charles Jones a resident of North Carolina in the County of Sampson aged upwards of ninety years 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 June 7th, 1832 -- That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein Stated -- that is that in the Spring of the year (he believes 1775) he volunteered along with many others for a short time does not recollect the time but they understood the Town of Wilmington was threatened -- that he volunteered under the Command of Captain Francis Hill & Joab Blackman Lieutenant -- James Kenan Colonel & James Moore Major, that he was marched to the Town of Wilmington in this State, & encamped there till they were discharged -- that he then Returned home to his residence in Sampson County & that in the Fall of that or next year he was drafted for a tour of three months under the command of the same officers. That they were marched to the Town of Wilmington & there stationed under the Command of Colonel Rutledge [sic, Thomas Routledge or Rutledge], that after staying some time in Wilmington, they were marched across the Cape Fear River opposite the Town of Wilmington & marched down the South side of the River to an old mill near Brunswick -- & there encamped that after staying there some time, they were marched back to the town of Wilmington, & there encamped till their time of Service expired, & they were discharged & that he then returned to his residence in Sampson County -- that sometime afterwards, the time he does not recollect, perhaps one or two years he was drafted a second time under the Command of Captain James Love, that he was marched to the town of Elizabeth in Bladen County, that they staid there one day, & that he hired a man by the name of James Barbara, to serve as a Substitute in his room, & got a certificate stating that he had furnished an able bodied man as Substitute that he then returned to his residence in Sampson County -- That some time a year or two afterwards he was Drafted a third time for a tour of three months under the command of Captain Francis Hill, Joab Blackman Lieutenant -- John Treadwell Major that he together with others were marched to the Big Bridge across the North East Prong of the Cape Fear River above Wilmington, that they encamped on the West Side of said River & when there about 3 weeks under the Command of General Linnington [sic, John Alexander Lillington], the British one night commenced firing on the picket guard across the River that is the British were on the East and our men were on the West side of the River when General Lillington marched to

the Main Body of the Army about two miles from the encampment to an old road & there we stood under arms the greatest part of the day & then marched back to the camps -- the British crossed the River somewhere below of us & General Lillington marched us to Rutherford's Mill, where we encamped a few days & from thence, we were marched to Kinston, that they were there Stationed until their time of service expired, & was discharged that he then returned to Sampson County where he has lived ever since -- he 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 or if any only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina --  
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Rainer, JP

S/ Charles Jones, x his mark

S/ John Benton, JP

Questions put to the applicant by the Justices of the peace & Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for Sampson County

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

Answer -- I was born in Bertie County Book what year I know not

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

Answer -- my age was set down in a Prayer Book, & when the Tories passed through the neighborhood, the Book was missing & I have never seen or heard of it since.

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 on the East Side of great Coharie, 2 or 3 miles from where I now live, from thence I moved to where James Woodward now lives about a mile and a half from this place & from thence I moved to this place where I have lived on the West Side of great Coharie & have lived there ever since in Sampson County 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, my first tour of Service, I volunteered to go & defend Wilmington when threatened to be invaded the time I volunteered for or the time I served I do not recollect, but believe we were discharged before that time expired -- the next tour I was drafted for three months and served the same time -- the third tour I served I was drafted for three months & served the same time -- I was another time drafted & went as far as Elizabeth town in Bladen County & there I hired a Substitute by the name of James Barbara --

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 no recollection of any Regular Officers that were Stationed or served with -- neither do I remember any regiments that I never served with except those commanded by General Lillington Captain James Love Commanded the troop of Cavalry -- but whether they belonged to the regular or militia Service I know not -- I know of nothing particular more than I have stated in my declaration.

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?

I have no recollection of ever getting a written discharge. I believe the custom was when the time of Services was about to expire, another Company of Drafted militia would come in ready to take our place -- & the Officers would call us on parade & tell us our time was out &

that we might go home -- I remember the last time I served I was discharged at Kinston, While on parade the Officers Brought a large pail full of Rum & told us all to take a Drink -- & that we might go home for our time was Out --

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, there may be some persons living that was in the Army when I served, but I believe that I am the only person that lives of the mass as to my character for truth & veracity, I think I might call on all the old man in the neighborhood I was in an old Bachelor when they were boys & they have known me ever since -- I believe William Gany<sup>1</sup> & Westbrook Lee<sup>2</sup> about my service & John Fleming & Alexander Benton can testify as to my character for veracity

We William Ganey & Westbrook Lee do hereby certify, that we have known the applicant Charles Jones, & that we believe that he served in the Revolutionary War, as he states in his declaration that we have good reason to believe two tours of three months each, we were in the same Service -- as to the first term of Service we have no knowledge of only from tradition

Sworn to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Ganey, X his mark

S/ Westbrook Lee, X his mark

[Alexander Benton, Sr., & John Fleming gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: Finding dated August 3, 1834 issued in Sampson County North Carolina that Charles Jones late of said County, a revolutionary Pensioner, died November 10, 1833 survived by 4 children, to wit, Joel, Lancelot and Winney Jones and Wiley Jones of Pike County Georgia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> [William Ganey S6880](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Westbrook Lee S7143](#)