

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Jones S8760

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State of North Carolina Randolph County: Court of Pleas & Porter Sessions August Term 1833

On this 5th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions Thomas Jones a resident of the County of Randolph & State of North Carolina aged eighty one years the first day of January last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated, viz.:

He states that he was born in Frederick County in the State of Maryland on the first day of January, he thinks in the year 1752: has no record of his age: that about the first of July 1776 according to the best of his recollection, being as he thinks twenty-four years of age, he enlisted for the term of five months in the Service of the United States under Captain Henry Hardiman in Frederick County, Maryland and was attached to the flying-camp-Regiment under the command of Colonel Bell, by whom he was marched to Philadelphia, & thence in a few days to New York City where they remained about three weeks; thence to a place called Hillgate on East River, where he thinks in the month of September & about the middle of the month a skirmish took place between the American Army under General Washington & the British Army commanded by General Howe, in which the British were repulsed. This occurred on Sunday evening. He does not recollect how long they remained at this place, but would guess about one month. While stationed there the soldiers hauled cannon to Fort Washington. Thence they were marched to a place called Mile Square where they found the British Army encamped & then shipped in the East River, at this place they remained two days & on the second night each soldier was ordered to build three fires to deceive the enemy, which being done, they immediately took up their line of march for the White Plains: where, on the day after, they arrived, & he thinks early in the month of October 1776, a battle [October 28, 1776] was fought between the armies under Washington & Howe. The battle continued until the night separated the combatants, when each party separated to bury the dead. It was not again renewed. Many were killed & wounded on both sides; but he thinks the British sustained the greatest loss. He was in that division of the Army commanded by General Putnam. The day after the battle, the Army under Washington crossed the North River & went down to Fort Lee, on the West side of the River & opposite Fort Washington, where they remained until the last of October or first of November 1776, when they marched to Philadelphia, where the flying camp Regiment was discharged, he thinks the latter part of November '76. He received a written discharge which has long since been lost.

He further that in the fall of the year 1780 as well as he can recollect, he volunteered for

three months in the County of Randolph (now called) State of North Carolina under Captain Brittain Fuller: was marched to a village (name not recollected) now Camden South Carolina, and was there placed under the command of Captain Williams in the Virginia Regiment, in General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army. The Army remained at this place until the time for which he volunteered expired: that he was occasionally dispatched on Tory excursions & a part of the time was employed in guarding a few British prisoners. He states that 2 or 3 days before his term expired he was taken sick, & choice was given him, either to go to the hospital, or to endeavor to get home. He chose the latter, & received his discharge from Captain Williams dated he thinks in December 1780 which discharge he gave to a Captain Davenport going to Virginia who promised to draw his money for him & has not heard anything either of the Captain or his discharge.

He states that many of the circumstances of his service are forgotten & others indistinctly remembered. In addition to the officers named he recollects Colonel Smallwood who commanded the Maryland Regiment mostly riflemen in Washington's Army.

He states that since the close of the revolution, he has lived & now lives in Randolph County North Carolina. He here with tenders the affidavit of John Plummer touching his service.

He gives the name of Micajah Hill, John Hulen & Presley Ray neighbors by whom he expects to prove a character for veracity & reputation for revolutionary service.

He states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect with certainty the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served for eight months as a private of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Thomas Jones, X his mark

[Micajah Hill, a clergyman, John Hulen & Presley Ray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Land Office, Annapolis, November 9th, 1833

I hereby Certify that it appears by the returns of the "Flying Camp" remaining in this Office, that the name of Thomas Jones appears upon the rolls of Captain Henry Hardman's Company, to have been enrolled on the 19th day of July 1776.

S/ George G Brewer

Register Land Office W. S. M.

State of North Carolina Randolph County:

Whereas Thomas Jones Senior of the County of Randolph and State of North Carolina hath this day made application to us Joseph Hoover & Jeremiah Cooper two of the acting Justices of the peace for said County to take the Deposition of John Plummer of the age of seventy-three years & the said Thomas Jones hath procured the said Plummer to certify as evidence in his behalf concerning his services as a revolutionary Soldier & the said John Plummer hath this day appeared and after being duly sworn Deposeth & saith to wit:

1st question he saith that he heard the said Thomas Jones say that he had enlisted for 5 months in the flying & he saw the said Jones start in the company for that purpose from Frederick town in the State of Maryland.

Q 2 & 3 do you know of any other person returned [indecipherable word] the same time

Answer I do several

Q 4 do you know whether the said Jones had a discharge from his officers

Answer I heard him say that he had one but never saw it as I recollect.

Q 5th do you recollect whether the said Jones served any after he came to North Carolina

Answer. I do not recollect of any

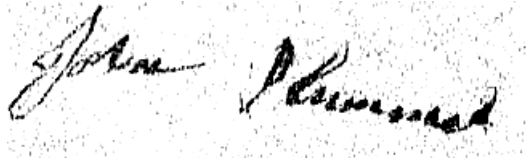
Quest 6th do you know who were the officers the said Jones marched off with

Answer. I do Henry Hardman Captain, William Morris 2nd Lieutenant

And further this deponent saith not.

Taken and Sworn to before us this 13th of October in the year of our Lord 1832

S/ John Plummer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Plummer". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia militia for 7 2/3 months.]