

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Jones S8762

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In Nansemond County Court 13th May 1833

State of Virginia, County of Nansemond SS

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before Joshua Riddick, Hardy Cross, Edward R Hunter and Edwin B Sumner the Court of Nansemond, now sitting, Elijah Jones, a resident of Nansemond County and State of Virginia aged seventy-two years 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under Colonel Robert Riddick, Major Thomas Willis and Captain Dempsey Sumner when he was about seventeen years of age – that he was in no engagement with the English, that he lived in Nansemond County and State of Virginia when he entered the service, that he was drafted into service, that he was marched several times up and down James River, and to Portsmouth in Norfolk County that he does not recollect the names of the officers who commanded the regular troops at Portsmouth that he served in all a term of not less than six months under the afore named officers, that he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person who can testify to his services. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(Signed) S/ Elijah Jones

[The above is certified as a true copy of the records in the clerk's office of Nansemond County by John T Kilby, Clk of said County June 7th, 1833]

Amended Declaration of Elijah Jones

State of Virginia County of Nansemond

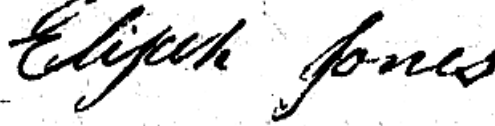
I Elijah Jones of the aforesaid County and state being duly sworn according to law doth on my oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That to the best of my recollection at this time, I entered the service of the United States in the year 1778 and served a term of six months, as stated in my original declaration, under the command of Captain Dempsey Sumner – Colonel Robert Riddick and Major Thomas Wills were the field officers who commanded during the tour that I served – That I was called into service by the order of Colonel Robert Riddick, then Colonel Commandant of this County, that I do not now recollect whether I ever received any written discharge, that I performed this service in the field in the Counties of Nansemond, Isle of Wight and Surry Virginia, and that I was not engaged

in any civil pursuit during the performance of this service –

Sworn to and subscribed this 9th day of November 1833.

S/ Elijah Jones

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

[Solomon Whitfield & Miles Howell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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