Pension Application of Jesse Council S9191 VA
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State of Virginia } SS
Southampton County }
On the 17 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Southampton now sitting Jesse Council a resident of said County and State aged seventy one years & seven months who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his Oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the state of Virginia under the following named officers and served as herein stated: I was enrolled in the Militia in the County of Southampton at or about sixteen years old and was drafted, into service the first muster I was ever at which was in the date of 1777 – I went into service under Capt Edmond Major [Samuel] Duval, and Colo. [Benjamin] Blunt, and marched through the Counties of Isle of wight & Nansemond to Mead Mill & served six weeks, I then served a tower under Capt Elias Herring in the same Counties, I then served a tower under Capt. Edm'd Coskey [Edmond Coskey], and one under Capt. Boykin, and one under Capt Lewis, another under Capt Whitehead and one under Capt Myrick, and others that he cannot recollect. He served under Major Decloman [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman] Colo. Book Wills Colo. [Thomas] Gaskins and General Mulenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. I served at Petersburg, city point swans point [sic: Swanns Point on James River in Surry County], Cobbham at the Rocks on James River [sic: Cobham's on James River in Surry County, now Scotland] Smithfield Murdaugh old field, Jerico [sic: Jericho in old Nansemond County] Pourtsmouth [sic: Portsmouth] sleepy hole ferry [on Nansemond River, now in Suffolk City]. I served on the north side of James River in the Counties of Warwick, york, James City, and at york Town, and Old James Town, one or two towers I served three months. I was never in any engagement, and I have no living witness that recollects of serving with. I was discharged from the service about two weeks before the British Army surrendered at york Town [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] – he was discharged and returned home to Southampton – as to the different times when he entered the service the length of the tours of duty or many of the officers names, the lapse of time, and the effects of old age tis impossible for him to recollect – he never had a written discharge as it was not customary for the Militia in them days to receive them – That he resided in the County of Southampton, and alwas entered the service from that County, and was drafted into service, and he thinks and belives that he could not have served less than two years from the number of times he was called on to serve. That he has not documentary evidence nor is there any person now living that he can prove his services by
He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 Territory Jesse hisXmark Council

NOTE: On 12 June 1833 William Oney [pension application S18147] stated that he had served with Jesse Council at Petersburg.