Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Jones W10150
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April 21 1827 - Kanawha County Virginia

This Day John Jones Personally appeared before me John Hansford one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace for Kanawha County and did make oath that he was well acquainted with David Jones who is now about to pray for a pension – That the said David Jones did enlist as a soldier under Captain Mathew Arbuckle at Point Pleasant on the Ohio River at the mouth of the great Kanawha River and that he did enlist for two years in the year of 1776 – and did serve as a soldier with the said John Jones all the time said John Jones served at that place at least nine or ten months and then the said John left that place and went to the County of Culpepper in Virginia and that he understood that the said David obtained an Honorable Discharge after serving out his time of enlistment.

Sworn to before me the above justice of the peace on this day above written Given under my hand this 21 April 1827

S/ John Hansford

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State of Indiana County Jefferson: SS

On this 11th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Joseph G Marshall Judge of the Court of Probate for the County and State aforesaid now sitting David Jones a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 74 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 the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he enlisted in the Continental service in the Virginia State troops in August or September 1776 under the command of Captain Arbuckle [perhaps Matthew Arbuckle], Lieutenant Wallace [perhaps Andrew Wallace] and Ensign Woods [perhaps William Wood] as a private Soldier – under these officers I served for the term of two years – was stationed at Point Pleasant on the Kenawa [Kanawha] River – lived in what is now called Kanawha County Virginia when he entered the service – was in no regular battle – Enlisted again as a private soldier at Point Pleasant on the Kanawha River under Captain Dorsen [sic] and Lieutenant Wain – cannot recollect at what year, thinks it was in 1778 or 9 – Captain Dawson took sick and resigned after marching his men from Point Pleasant to Pittsburgh - Applicant was then joined to Captain Heath's Company at Pittsburgh under Colonel Gibson who commanded the 6th Regiment of the Virginia line – Served this time for the space of one

year and seventeen days – That he has no documentary evidence except the affidavit of John Jones and of the mutilated discharge accompanying this declaration. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ David Jones, X his mark

[Jacob S Ryker, a clergyman, and John G Ryker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Ans. to Q 1st King George County Virginia in 1759

2nd No

3rd Lived in Nelson County Kentucky & Jefferson County Indiana since the Revolutionary War

4th contained in the Declaration

5th " " "

6th received a discharge from Captain Arbuckle and left in the possession of William Morris on the Kanawha River – have since applied for it but in vain – Morris being dead – his family could not find the discharge.

[p 21: image of a surviving portion of the discharge referenced by the veteran.

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[p 14: On May 14, 1839 in Jefferson County Indiana, Rebecca Jones a resident of Shelby Township in said County, aged 73 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of David Jones who died May 6, 1835 in Jefferson County Indiana; that she was married to him in Nelson County Kentucky February 4, 1789 as appears by a family record; that marriage was performed by William Taylor, a Baptist preacher. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: Certificate dated May 29, 1844 from the clerk of court of Nelson County Kentucky

indicating that records in his office contain the following: "David Jones & Rebekah Rutherford, 4th February 1790: William Taylor"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]