

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Toney¹ W11794

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State of Indiana Harrison County: SS

On this 12th day of October 1836 personally appeared before the Honorable the Judges of the Harrison Circuit Court now in session, Jesse Toney a resident of Harrison County in the State of Indiana aged 76 years to the best of his knowledge, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions may by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the latter part of the revolutionary war under Captain Coleman Writes at Albemarle Barracks in the State of Virginia and served in the Regiment detailed to guard the British Prisoners called Burgoyne's men, but he does not recollect the number of the Regiment. He was not away from the Army at any time except about 10 days on furlough from his Colonel for about 14 months, rather longer than that time but he does not recollect the number of days over. When he was discharged from Albemarle Barracks he received an honorable discharge from Colonel Taylor the Commandant of the Regiment General Bland was in Chief Command during his service at Albemarle, the whole of which time he was under Captain Rice. His first Lieutenant was by the name of Edward Herndon. After his discharge he was drafted for a tour of duty in Fluvanna County Virginia – he remained in service two months when he and his company were discharged by another company from said County. He entered the service in this tour under Daniel Tilman Captain as soon as we joined the Regiment we were placed under the command of General Wayne. Declarant and the company to which he was attached marched up and down James River in pursuit of and avoiding the British then in the country under the command of Lord Cornwallis. He served in all 16 months. In the two months service he also received an honorable discharge which latter was not in writing the Captain and his company being relieved by another company. He was in no battle during either term of service. It was a very short time after the second tour of service before the war ended but he finds it impossible to recollect the dates. – His discharge for the first term of service he has unfortunately lost. He has not seen it for 50 years, nor does he know what became of it. He was born in the County of our marl in the State of Virginia, where he continued to reside until he entered the service. The County being in the meanwhile divided and applicant was struck off into the new County called Fluvanna. After he left the service he returned to Fluvanna County where he continued from 9 to 10 years. He then removed to Albemarle where he resided about seven years. He then moved to [indecipherable] County Kentucky where he stayed three years. He then went into Barren County and resided there about 30 [could be 36] years. He from that place removed to Harrison

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² Former widow

County Indiana about eight years ago where he has resided ever since. He has no record of his age. He has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his said services, nor does he know of anyone by whom he can prove either of them except James Williams of Vermilion County Indiana whose affidavit is herewith presented. He was delayed making his application until he could get the Affidavit of Williams which has been but lately received by him. He is known to the following individuals in his present neighborhood who can bear testimony to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution – to wit Joseph Longbottom, Joseph Simeon & Mister Brown.

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.

S/ Jesse Toney, X his mark

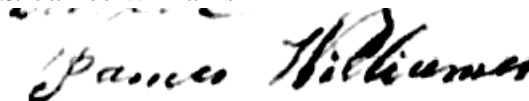
[Reuben Dugins, a clergyman, and Frederick Leslie gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 43]

State of Indiana Vermilion County: to wit

On this day to wit the 13th day of August 1836 A. D. 1836 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County James Williams³ who after being by me duly sworn upon his oath deposeth and saith that whilst he was engaged in the United States Service as a private in the Revolutionary War he became acquainted with a certain Jesse Toney and knew him to be in the United States service for the term of 14 months at Albemarle Barracks in Albemarle County Virginia guarding Prisoners commonly known and called Burgoyne's Troops, and that he himself and said Jesse Toney was messmates together in Captain Holman P. Rices Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor.

S/ James Williams

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial "J".

[f p. 36]

State of Indiana Harrison County: to wit

Be it known that on the 19th day of October in the year of our Lord 1837 personally came before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the said County and state, Jesse Toney, who being duly sworn, maketh oath, that he served as a soldier in the revolutionary war, for the term of 14 months, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Taylor, at the Albemarle barracks in the State of Virginia; that his Major's name was Roberts but does not recollect the Christian name; that he is aged and illiterate and cannot state the year and day on which his said service commenced and of which it terminated – but can say that said service was performed during the time Burgoyne's men were confined at said Albemarle barracks; that he enlisted in said service in the company commanded by Holman Rice, and continued to serve in the said Company during his said tour of service; that he now recollects that said Captain Holman Rice during the term of his said service, but cannot recollect the time, with any certainty, was broke of his commission, and that the company during the residue of his said term, was commanded by Edward Herndon, who was the Lieutenant of said company. He does not recollect whether the said Herndon was promoted to a captaincy or not, but that he at all events commanded the company after the said

³ [James Williams W9895](#)

Captain Holman Rice was removed from his command: that at the time of making his declaration in the Circuit Court of this County which he forwarded to Washington City to the pension office, and which he is informed is now on file in said office, with the fact that the above named Captain Holman Rice, had during his said term of service been removed from the command of said company, had escaped his recollection. He further states that one James Williams was his messmate during the time of his said service, and that he procured his affidavit and forwarded the same with his declaration above referred to, to the said pension office, that for the purpose of [indecipherable word] the objection made to that affidavit he has by his attorney John W Payne endeavored to procure the additional statement of Mr. Williams, but has failed to procure it, that he is informed and believes that said Williams has departed this life, and in consequence thereof, he is unable to make any further proof of his said service. He further states that said Williams during his lifetime resided at a distance of near two hundred miles; that owing to the age and enfeebled Constitution of the said deponent he was unable to visit the said Williams personally, and that his poverty has prevented him from sending an agent specially to procure said Williams affidavit, and has been compelled to rely on the gratuitous services of gentlemen who have been kind enough to attend to the business for him which has throughout occasioned great delay in his said application. He makes this statement as an amendment to his declaration now on file in the pension office.

And further saith not.

S/ Jesse Toney



[f p. 13: On January 28, 1862, Nancy Toney, 49 filed a claim in Floyd County Indiana stating that she is the widow of Jesse Toney a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$56 per annum; that she married him in Harrison County Indiana on May 21, 1837; that her name when she was married was Nancy Smith sometimes called Nancy Craig (she could not remember what name she had when she married him); that her husband died in Floyd County Indiana March 17, 1848 or 1849. She filed this claim under the 1853 act. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 19, Lydia Jones, 60, testified in February 1862 that her former husband now deceased was a son of Jesse Toney.]

[f p. 40: brief of the widow's claim notes that after she was awarded a pension under the 1853 act, she married one Thomas White from whom she was divorced on January 29, 1864.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 16 months in the Virginia service. Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing January 29, 1864 for his service as a private in the Virginia service.]