

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas C. Jones ¹ W26160 Margaret Jones f45GA[sic, SC]

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State of Alabama County of Blount:

On this 18th day of February 1834 in the year while Lord 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Blount County now sitting Thomas C. Jones a resident of Quinn's Cove in the County of Blount and State of Alabama aged Sixty nine 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that in the month of September the day not recollect but thinks it was about the middle of said month in the year 1781 he enrolled himself as a private Trooper in the Company of Captain Arthur Simpkins with Lieutenant Van Swearingan [Van Swearingen] under Colonel Purvis [Lt. Col. John Purvis] (of Edgefield District) for the term of three months as a volunteer in the Militia Horse Company of South Carolina and at the time of enrollment resided in Edgefield County South Carolina and marched from home & proceeded to Colonel Purvis' Farm and were embodied by Colonel Purvis -- to repel the aggressions of Tory Bill Cunningham [William Cunningham, a.k.a., "Bloody Bill" Cunningham] and his party and thinks that there were about two hundred horsemen in all & they militia no regulars in Company -- We then continued scouting in Edgefield & around Ninety Six and in Abbeville until he served three months, and was verbally discharged in the month of December 1781;

Captain Simpkins was a stout portly man with long nose dark skin & unusually large feet -- he was about forty-five years old had some sons grown to manhood -- he was a good Soldier & wealthy; and his singular appearance and acknowledged bravery caused a song to be made & sung in camp of which the following is all now recollected by him as follows to wit

"Captain Bigfoot – he's a responsible man;

"Allowed by the Country to be the plan

"He's a long yellow fellow with a bucanier [sic, buccaneer] nose

"And see him when you will wears one suit of Clothes

"The Suit as I tell you is a Sky Colored Blue

"And Swears to his Country hel [sic, he'll] always prove true["]

He again enrolled himself as a Drafted private militia man in the company commanded by Lieutenant Powell [John Powell] in the Regiment of Colonel LeRoy Hammonds [sic, LeRoy Hammond] of the South Carolina Militia early in the month of February in the year 1782 and yet

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lived in the County & State aforesaid -- we then marched from thence to Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army on the South side of Ashley River about twenty miles from Charlestown & there remained until he had served three months the term of his enrollment and was Discharged. Colonel Fiar [sic, William Fair or Farr²] was there, he was a Colonel of the South Carolina Militia -- one Herndon was our Commissary; whilst this Deponent was with General Greene's Army the British Army were stationed in and near Charlestown -- this Deponent returned home and early in June in the year 1782 he again enrolled himself as a private soldier in Captain John Ryan's Horse Company of South Carolina Militia & a volunteer there and continued scouting under him in Edgefield & Abbeville until the 1st of January 1783 -- having served under him seven months -- was Discharged and there was no other company with him and no field officer with him now recollected, -- & when he last enrolled he lived in Edgefield County South Carolina.

He then removed to the State of Georgia and early in February 1783 the day not recollected he again enrolled himself as a private volunteer soldier in the Company of Captain Daniel Gunnell [Daniel Gunnells] of the Georgia militia under Colonel or General Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] for the three months and continued doing service in Gunnels Fort until sometime in May in the same year until corn was planted & served out the Term of Enrollment & discharged & whilst he was stationed there Colonel Clarke with a party marched against the Cherokee Indians & they surrendered to Colonel Clarke the following named Tories, to wit: Liles Tillet [could be Giles Tillet], James Tillet, Sam Tillet & their brother George -- they were all kill but George -- & he was spared by Colonel Clarke on account of tender age being about 16 years old -- the Colonel took him home with him and a few days thereafter -- he stole the colonel's horse saddle bridle sword & pistols & escaped but was pursued, caught and brought back and hanged by the order of Colonel Clarke -- Gunnels Fort was on the Waters of Long Creek in Georgia. This deponent then returned to Edgefield in South Carolina and sometime in the latter days of May in 1783 he again enrolled himself as a private volunteer for three months in Captain Jesse Johnson's Horse Company of the South Carolina militia and continued with him scouting on the Edisto River and its tributaries and attacked & defeated a company of Tories at Daniel Rogers' Farm near the head waters of Edisto we killed 5 of them -- they were commanded by Captain Holland a Tory and a native of South Carolina -- there was only one Captain's company on this Tour -- there was no Major or Colonel -- with Captain Johnson's company, recollected by him and he hereby makes answers as follows to the several Interrogatories propounded by the Court pursuant to the instructions of the War Department

1st I was born in ___ District in the State of South Carolina on the 19th day of June 1765 as informed by my parents -- 2nd I have no record of my age -- 3rd -- I lived in Edgefield District South Carolina when first called into service & during the whole of my services except when I done duty under Colonel Clarke & Captain Gunnel in Georgia and since the Revolutionary War in Edgefield & Pendleton District South Carolina for 20 years & lived in Kentucky & Tennessee several years & lived under a permit in the Cherokee nation one year & from thence removed to Blount County Alabama where he has resided 16 years -- where he now lives. I was but a short time among the Regular Troops -- General Greene's head quarters -- & consequently knew but few regular officers. I knew General Greene was acquainted with Colonel Hammond and Colonel Farr's Regiment of Militia.

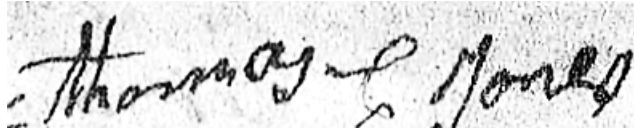
I have no recollection of ever receiving a written discharge -- I am known in my present neighborhood by John Fowler, William H. Musgrove, Thomas Rutherford, John Musgrove,

² Bobby G. Moss opts for "William Farr" as the choice for this man's name.

Joshua K. Roberts and William Levingstone who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services and Soldier of the Revolution and the said Thomas C. Jones declares that he has no documentary evidence of his Revolutionary Services and knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his Revolutionary 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.

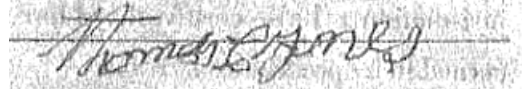
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas C. Jones



[John Fowler, a clergyman, and Josiah K. Roberts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 17: On April 11, 1855 in Blount County Alabama, Thomas C Jones, filed for his bounty land entitlement as a revolutionary war pensioner



His application was supported by Saul Jones



[p 13: On August 22, 1856, in Blount County Alabama, Margaret Jones, 60, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas C. Jones, deceased a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$64.16 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him in Blount County Alabama on September 21, 1829; that they were married by Enoch Alldridge, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Margarett Niblet; that her husband died at the house of one of his sons, Saul Jones in Blount County Alabama on February 5, 1856; that she is now his widow and remained such.]

[This file contains on page 35 a digital image of the actual certificate issued in connection with the granting of his bounty land claims.]



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$64.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and one month in the South Carolina militia cavalry and 6 months in the South Carolina militia infantry. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]