

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Jones W4249

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Virginia State Hardy County

On the __ day of __ 1833 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said Hardy County and State of Virginia Henry Jones a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1775 in August and declarant thinks on the 20th day of said month under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated. That in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia, in the year 1775 in the month of August, and declarant thinks on the 20th day of said month he volunteered as a Militia Man, in a company commanded by Captain William Pickett, Lieutenant John Marshall and Ensign James Withers. The Colonels names who commanded the Regiment to which said Company belonged William Taliaferro and Edward Stevens the Number of said Regiment said declarant does not recollect. Said declarant marched from Fauquier County to Culpepper Courthouse in Virginia and remained there under the command of said officers for the space of one week. Said declarant was then ordered to March to Williamsburg which he did under the command of the Officers aforesaid, said declarant recollects that on his march from Culpepper Court House to Williamsburg, that he marched through New Kent County in the State of Virginia, and that the troops of Virginia Militia to which he belonged passed the Pamunkey [River] on a high towering bridge. Said declarant recollects that Captain William McClanihan [William McClanahan] Captain James Scott, Captain Bluford and Captain William Pickett each commanded companies at Culpepper Court whilst said declarant was stationed at that place. The Regiments of Virginia militia of which said declarant was one were stationed in the Capitol at Williamsburg and about it for the space of two or three weeks. While said Militia were stationed at Williamsburg, said declarant volunteered to march to Hampton to check the operation of board Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of Virginia], and did march to said place in Virginia under the command of Captain Simeon Bluford, the names of the subaltern Officers in said Bluford's Company said declarant does not recollect nor does he recollect the name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment to which said Bluford's Company belonged, nor does he recollect the number of said Regiment. Said declarant thinks that he marched from Williamsburg to Hampton in Virginia the first day of October 1775. Said declarant was in the battle at Hampton, and recollects that General Woodford [William Woodford] had command of the division to which the company commanded by said Simeon Bluford belonged. Said

declarant was a resident of the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia at the time he volunteered as a Militia Man in the Company of Captain Simeon Bluford and marched to Hampton. After the battle was over at Hampton, the Virginia and Militia engaged in service there, remained some time and then marched back to Williamsburg But said declarant recollects that the said Virginia Militia on their return to Williamsburg marched on a different route back, and crossed the Pamunkey much lower down the stream, and was not on a bridge, but in a ferry boat, and on their way from Williamsburg to Fauquier County Virginia, said Virginia Militia passed through the boling green [Bowling Greene], through Fredericksburg, and Falmouth and were dismissed in said County by said Captain William Pickett after said declarant had served a tour of duty for the space of four months, said declarant having been discharged from said tour of duty as he thinks on the 10th day of December 1775 during which time he was employed in the service of the United States as a private soldier.

In April 1781 and declarant thinks the 10th day of said month, he was drafted as a Militia Man to perform a tour of duty for the space of three months against the forces commanded by Lord Cornwallis. The company of Virginia Militia to which declarant belonged, was commanded by Captain Joseph James the names of the subaltern officers not recollected. The name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment of Virginia Militia to which said company belonged was Elias Edmunds and the name of one of the Majors in said Regiment was Samuel Blackwell. The company to which declarant belonged assembled at and marched from Fauquier Court House in Virginia at the time aforesaid, to Fredericksburg, and on their way to Fredericksburg passed the Rappahannock [River] at Falmouth, declarant was stationed in Fredericksburg for the space of two or three weeks, he was then ordered to march and did march to Richmond in Virginia. In marching to Richmond said declarant passed through the boling Green. From Richmond the declarant marched to a place called then the Mauben Hills [Malvern Hills] about 18 miles below Richmond. After remaining at said place a short time the Militia of which declarant was a part were compelled to retreat from the British troops up to a place called Negro foot in Virginia, and from said place, said Militia retreated to Culpeper County in Virginia, and the said Virginia Militia to which declarant belonged whilst in Culpeper County was joined by the Army under General Anthony Wayne. After the arrival of the troops under the command of General Wayne the American Army of which declarant was a soldier began to drive the British forces towards Yorktown, and said declarant continued with said American Army until said Army arrived at a stream called Chunk Creek between Culpepper County and Richmond, at which Creek the declarant hired a substitute, and was discharged by his Captain Bluford on the 10th day of July 1781 as declarant believes, he then returned home to get in his harvest, having performed a tour of duty in the service of the United States for the space of three months, all of which time he was employed in no other way than in said service, his discharge took place near Chunk Creek in Virginia after having served three months as a private soldier. This terminated said declarant's service in the revolutionary War. Said declarant knew the following regular Officers whilst in the service, General Lafayette and General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. The said declarant has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his claim, nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove his services, said declarant doth hereby relinquish 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Jones, X his mark

To the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department the deponent answered as

followeth:

1. I was born in King George County Virginia in the year 1751
2. My age is recorded; and in my family Bible
3. I lived in Fauquier County during the revolutionary War. Since about 4 years in Culpeper County and now in Hardy County & always in Virginia.
4. I served as a volunteer also as a drafted Militia Man; but never as a substitute.
5. I recollect General Lafayette, General Muhlenberg and Colonel Elias Edmonds. I served in Regiment of Virginia Militia, but the Numbers of the Regiment I do not recollect.
6. I never did receive a written discharge from the service.
7. William Hors and Christor Goodnight are acquainted with me and can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Jones, X his mark

[Wm Hors and Christopher Goodnight gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On March 12, 1840 in Hardy County Virginia, Rachel Jones, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Henry Jones who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him September 17, 1776; that he died February 6th, 1838. She signed her application with her mark.]

[pp4-7: family records:

Casandor Jones the daughter of Henry Jones and Rachel his wife was Born the 22 day of bury [sic] in the year of our Lord 1779

Leusendy Jones the daughter of Henry Jones and Rachel his wife was born August the 20th day in the year of our Lord 1783

Casander Jones the daughter of Henry Jones and Rachel Jones his wife was Born the 22 day of February 1779

Henry Jones was born December the 7th day in the year of our Lord 1751 and was married to his wife Rachel September the 17th 1776

Rachel Jones his wife was Born April the 19th

Edmond H Jones was born May the 13th day in the year of our Lord 1790

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]