

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Jones W7901

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Virginia Greenbrier County to wit

on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Greenbrier County now sitting Thomas Jones, a resident of said County of Greenbrier in the State of Virginia, aged eighty four 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<sup>th</sup> 1832 That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven or seventy eight that he does not recollect the name of the regiment in which he served, but recollects that it was a regiment of light horse, that he enlisted under Captain Samuel Scott [pension application W5998], in the County of Henry [sic: Henrico], State of Virginia, where he then resided and that he marched under this command through the states of North and South Carolina, to the town of Savanna [sic: Savannah] in the State of Georgia, where he continued about one year, when his company, with several other companies marched under the command of Major Tailor to the frontier of Georgia On the frontier he served under Captain John Dooling who was killed in a battle with the Indians, that this deponent was in said battle, which was fought about three miles from the Ochung River, & which was the only battle this deponent was engaged in during the war. [See note below.] That he enlisted for the term of three years, and served his time out when he was regularly discharged, and received a certificate of discharge from Major Tailor which certificate has long since been lost

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Thomas hisXmark Jones

Greenbrier County to wit:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in the county aforesaid, Thomas Jones, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, he has no knowledge of any living witness, by whom he could prove that he was in the regular service of the United States as a Soldier, and if such witness is living, he believes it is out of his power to procure such evidence, owing to the great distance & also to age, and bodily infirmity, as well as that of his extreme poverty Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 1833.

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

Thomas Jones - Served 2 years - has received \$200—

I the undersigned Thomas Jones In pursuance of the requisition of the Secretary of War, give the following statement of my age & Revolutionary Services to Wit - I was born in Amherst County and am in my 86<sup>th</sup> year of age - I enlisted about the year 1778 for three years under Capt. Samuel Scott at Henrico County Virginia and got a bounty of \$20— my Lieut. name was Conner - the name of my Ensign was Elijah Dickerson. - I was in the Cavalery - we Rendezvoused at Hillsborough, went on to Savannah under General [Lachlan] McIntosh. we spent some time in guarding amunition from the mouth of Oquicken river [probably Ogeechee River] up to Savannah - I was present when a duel was fought between Genl McIntosh & the Governor of Georgia [Button Gwinnett, May 1777] in which the latter was killed and the former wounded - Shortly after this a requisition was made upon the Troops at Savannah to go against the Indians and tories about 30 miles from augusty [sic: Augusta]. Capt Corks, Dulings & my company went in this expedition - after being there some time my Captain Scott left his command and Capt John Duling succeeded him - near the close of my tour we had a battle with the Indians and tories near the Ocanee river the Indians beat us back and killed Capt. Duling Shortly after this defeat my tour of service (3 yrs.) expired and I was discharged by Major Taylor who was in

command at the time - in addition to which I served a tour in the Militia as a substitute. Edward B. Bayley wrote my Declaration I gave him \$5— In Witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name. Jan 22, 1835. Thos. hisXmark Jones  
Witness Wm. R Woods. A Copy W. G Singleton Jan 22, 1835

NOTES:

The engagement referred to by Jones occurred near the Oconee River in Wilkes County GA on 22 July 1777. Captain Thomas Dooly's company of the First Georgia Continental Regiment and a company of Virginia Militia had some of their horses stolen by a band of Creek Indians. Dooley and nine of his company pursued the Indians, who ambushed and killed Dooly and six others.

Jones appears to be named in following notice from the *Virginia Gazette* of 14 Nov 1777, p. 3: "DESERTED from Capt. Samuel Scott's company in the Georgia service, the following soldiers, viz.... Thomas Jones,... of Pittsylvania.... Any of the above deserters who come to Prince Edward courthouse, and deliver themselves to an officer there that will be appointed to receive them, shall be kindly received, and meet with a free pardon."

In Greenbrier County on 26 April 1843 Lavina Jones, "aged seventy years and upwards," applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Jones in Greenbrier County in 1789, and he died 26 Aug 1839.