

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Stephen Jones W7916 Mary Jones VA
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State of Virginia County of Bedford S.S.

On this 28th day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Bedford County now sitting the same being a Court of record, Stephen Jones a resident of said County aged seventy 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. In the year 1781 in the commencement of the Year but the month or day he does not recollect by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he was drafted as a militia man from the county of Bedford in Virginia to serve in the war of the Revolution and that he then marched from said county as a private soldier under the command of Captain Jacob Moon [pension application W4691] who was killed in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and he thinks the name of the Lieutenant was Bowen Price. that the regiment to which his company was attached was commanded by Colo. Charles Lynch and John Callaway was the major. the number of the Regiment he does not remember if in fact he ever knew. The general Rendezvous of the Troops from Bedford was at New London [now in Campbell County] whence he with the company under the aforesaid officers marched at the time before mentioned to Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina by the way of Staunton and Dan River crossing the first at Wards ferry [probably near Altavista in present Campbell County] and the latter at Dix's [near South Boston in Halifax County]. He was in the Battle at Guilford Courthouse where the American army under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] was defeated. He well recollects that in the morning of the Battle General Green sent to Colo. Lynch with a request that he would send him a detachment of his best Riflemen to a particular place, and accordingly on the General's request being made known this declarant and Joel Leftwich now General Leftwich [S8830], of the same company & County volunteered to go where requested by the commanding general & were accordingly with others placed on the right of General Greens army. After the battle when the British army began to retire from the neighbourhood the americans pursued them as far as Deep River in North Carolina [at Ramsey's Mill in Chatham County]. This declarant was in the pursuit as well as all the company to which he belonged. He remember during this tour to have often seen Colo. [William] Washington. After the battle of Guilford awhile, he was discharged but the day or month he cannot recollect. he remembers having received a discharge for this tour and thinks he received it from his captains hands, but it is now lost or mislaid as he took no particular care of it. He served during this tour three months and not less than three months. he was not during any part of his service engaged in any civil employment. In the fall of the same year that the battle of Guilford took place he was again drafted as a militia man from the county of Bedford, but the date of the month he cannot remember for the reasons above set forth and he marched on this requisition under captain Charles Callaway by the way of Petersburg, James Town and Williamsburg to York Town in Virginia where he & the Troops were employed in throwing up breast work til the surrender of Cornwallis in the month of October [the 19th], having served up to that time in this tour not less than three months, he then without receiving a discharge from the militia service enlisted for three years under Charles Yarborough who he believes was recruiting to fill up Colo. Washington's corps of horse, as it was this kind of service he performed. after enlisting he was more immediately under the command of Colonel [George] Baylor [see endnote]. The officers of the company were Charles Yarborough Capt., Lieutenant Stribbing [probably Stribling], and sergeant Everheart [probably Joshua Everheart S25068]. the day on which he enlisted he cannot tell but it was in the month of October 1781. They marched from Williamsburg to Petersburg in Virginia where they remained awhile and from thence went to Halifax in North Carolina where they remained some months during which this deponent was taken sick when after having served as a volunteer for eight months and not less

that eight months. In the next year after he had enlisted he hired a substitute whose name was Kennady to supply his place. This he did in the County of Bedford the place of his residence whither he had gone (after being taken sick) on a furlough. He carried his substitute from Bedford County where he had hired him as aforesaid to Cumberland old Courthouse in Virginia joined the Troops there again gave up his substitute & was then discharged by Colo. Feebecker [sic: Christian Febiger] but his discharge he has lost or mislaid. he however well remembers bringing it home with him. The day of the month he left the service or the month itself he cannot recollect. he acted in this service as a private soldier as in the other cases and was in none of his services aforesaid employed in any civil employment. The whole of his services will amount to not less that one year and two months. To wit, Two militia tours of three months each, and service for eight months as a volunteer as before stated. He has no documentary evidence but for proof of his service he refers to the affidavits of John Lowry [S5698], James Howard [S9563] and Thomas Pullin [Thomas Pullen S15847] herewith exhibited. He was born in the County of Dinwiddie in the State of Virginia but in what year he cannot tell, but thinks from various circumstances he is seventy years of age and perhaps more. he has no record of his age nor did he ever have that he knows of. He removed from the County of Dinwiddie to the County of Bedford where he resided at the time of all his services & has resided all the time since. He has no documentary evidence by which to prove his services except the testimony above refered to. He is unable to procure the testimony of a clergyman as required by the act of Congress because there was no one acquainted with him at the time, nor has there been any since who has heard of his services by common report, there being none in his immediate neighbourhood. He refers though to Cornelius Noell and John Lowry who have long known him as persons that can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He makes the following answers to the several Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department. To the first he answers~ [Was born] In the County of Dinwiddie in the State of Virginia but in what year he cannot tell.

To the 2nd he answers~ I have not, nor did I ever have [a record of birth] that I know of

To the 3^d he answers~ [When called into service lived] In the county of Bedford in the State of Virginia

To the 4th he answers~ I was drafted twice, & was once a volunteer.

To the 5th he answers~ See the body of the Declaration for an answer.

To the 6th he answers~ See the body of the Declaration for an answer.

To the 7th he answers~ See the body of the Declaration for an answer.

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.

Stephen hisXmark Jones

NOTES:

Lt. Col. William Washington, having been wounded and captured at the Battle of Eutaw Springs SC on 8 Sep 1781, was not in command when Jones enlisted the final time.

On 30 Jan 1839 Mary Jones, 74, applied for a pension stating that she married by Rev. John Holt to Stephen Jones in Bedford County on 28 Dec 1782, and her husband died 3 Jan 1834. William Gibbs, 73, stated that he was present at the marriage of Stephen Jones to Mary Gibbs, and that Stephen Jones died in January 1833. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 28 Dec 1782 by Stephen Jones and Alexander Gibbs for the marriage of Jones to Mary Gibbs. In his own pension application dated 9 Sep 1833, James Howard (S9563) stated that Stephen Jones was already deceased.