

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathaniel Jones ¹ W7918

Rebecca Jones f77SC

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State of South Carolina, Kershaw District

On this Twenty ninth day of October A.D1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Richard Gantt, Presiding Judge in the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting, Nathaniel Jones, a resident of Kershaw District and the State aforesaid, aged Eighty 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. Enlisted under & by Captain James McFarland in South Carolina for six months, and a Troop of Cavalry the Major's name was Marberry [probably Leonard Marbury, also spelled Leonard Marberry], served out his full term of six months & two weeks over. -- this was at the commencement of the Revolutionary war; the service performed in Georgia, and skirmishes with the Indians at Beard's Bluff upon the Altamaha River. Lieutenants in the company were named Williams and Dougherty; the names of the General officers not recollected.

2nd Tour: Drafted or classed; & served in the militia of South Carolina under Captain John Land and, Lieutenant Blake, & Ensign Ferguson. Served in this tour four months – had a skirmish with American deserters near Purrysburg.

3rd Tour: Was under same Officers last above mentioned; and served same length of time – four months – was severely wounded in the left shoulder in an assault made by the British upon the lines at Charleston, in which Major Huger [Benjamin Huger] was killed – does not recollect the year.

4th Tour: Drafted at Rocky Mount S. C. under Captain Woodward [John Woodward], Lieutenant Colonel Winn's [John Winn's] Regiment of South Carolina militia – served three weeks. Skirmishes with the Indians and Tories, and repulsed them from their attack on Lindsley's Fort [sic, Lindley's Fort?]² on waters of Broad River – does not recollect particular dates, but was soon after “the Snowy Camps.”

5th Tour: Was among the militia under Captain John Watts – Served five days; had a skirmish with Tories on Black Creek Chesterfield District and killed a good number of them.

¹ BLWt26447-160-55

² The veteran may be referring to the action at Lindley's Fort on July 15, 1776, but none of the officers named by the veteran or known to have been in that engagement.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_lyndleys_fort.html

The deponent has no documentary evidence of his services except an affidavit made by Isam Powell, and presented to the Legislature of South Carolina for the purpose of obtaining a pension which he hopes to procure, and present herewith; He cannot, without much inconvenience, and expense, procure any person to personally appear in Court to testify of his services. The deponent was born in Wake County in North Carolina, but does not remember in what year, the record of his age being in the possession of his Brother residing in North Carolina; he is confident however, that he is Eighty years old, or upwards. Was living in South Carolina when called into service, and has continued to reside in said State, in Kershaw District, since the Revolution. He never was a Substitute, for anyone, and was enlisted the first tour, and drafted the second & fourth tours; and was a volunteer, for the balance of the service. Does not recollect the names of General officers; his memory being very much impaired, not infirmity and old age. He does not recollect to have received any other than verbal discharges, nor did he understand that any other was necessary, except when discharged from the first tour of service, when it was proposed, if he would go down to Head quarters, at Fort Barrington, he might receive a written discharge; but not deeming it of any importance and being anxious to return home, he was unwilling to travel sixty miles out of his way to obtain that paper. The deponent is known in his present neighborhood to General James Blair, Member of Congress, Colonel William Nixon, L. Young, R. L. Hunley, Allen McCaskill, Richard Hunley & Stringer Perkins Esquires. -- 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/ Nathaniel Jones, X his mark

[Thomas Berry, a clergyman, and Lovick Young gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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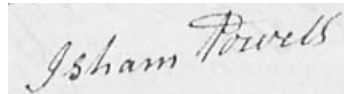
South Carolina, Kershaw District

Personally appeared Isham Powel before me who being duly sworn says that to his personal knowledge Nathaniel Jones was in actual Service in time of the revolutionary war on behalf of America that he heard of his being in the service under General Winn also Major Brown on Rocky Mount again he knows that he returned from the fall of Charleston wounded in the shoulder also he knew of his being under the charge of Captain John Land who was a Captain in the American service.

Sworn to before me this 24th of November 1831

S/ Jno. Danzy, JP

S/ Isham Powell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isham Powell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

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South Carolina, Kershaw district

Personally appeared Nathaniel Jones before me who being duly sworn says that he was in the militia service with General Winn ^{in the revolution war} and Major Brown in the charge of Captain Land who was a militia Captain under the charge of Colonel Winn about three months also that he was in the battle of Charleston³ and got shot in the shoulder also he states of several other

³ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>
& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

engagements he was in but cannot ascertain the necessary witnesses to prove the facts also he states he served a tour as a regular in the State of Georgia.

Sworn to before me the 24 November 1831

S/ Jno. Danzy, JP

S/ Nathaniel Jones, X his mark

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To the Honorable the Speaker & other members of the House of Representatives

The humble Petition of Nathaniel Jones respectfully sheweth with that he is a Revolutionary soldier now in the 80th year of his age, very infirm and decrepit, no longer able to labor for his support which is the only reason to induce him to throw himself upon the charity of his Country and having while he was young fought for and defended his country, he hopes that country will not turn a deaf ear to his entreaties, now he is old and unable to work for a support -- and also a cripple from a wound received in her defense. Your Petitioner at the age of 23 entered the service in the troop under Captain McFarland in the Frontiers of Georgia for the space of nine months against the British and Indians. Afterwards he was a Sergeant in the company of Captain Land under the command of Colonel John Winn and Major Brown [perhaps John Brown of the militia regiment under Colonel John Winn] at Rocky Mount⁴ -- at Orangeburg -- and at Charleston at which latter place he received a wound in his shoulder which now at times is so painful as almost to prevent him turning his body -- he also previous to that had received a shot in his leg while under the command of Captain McFarland at Fort Barrington near Altamaha [River] in Georgia while fighting against the Indians -- as an evidence of which a large shot can now be palpably felt in his leg having never been extracted -- which also as to his present pain and decrepitude. Your Petitioner was also afterwards under the command of Captain John Watts for a considerable time during which time he routed and killed a great numbers of Tories on Black Creek Chesterfield District South Carolina. Your Petitioner would also state that his property what little he has consists of a small tract -- of Sand hill land[?]⁵ to him altogether unavailable even if he could labor, and a small mill which formally made him a scanty support, but of late mills having become so numerous and common that this also has failed him, and but for the few cattle he possesses he would scarcely be able to survive. Your Petitioner therefore hopes your honorable body will take his case under consideration and grant such relief in the premises as in the discretion of your honorable body may seem merited and your Petitioner will as in duty bound ever pray &c.

South Carolina,

Kershaw District

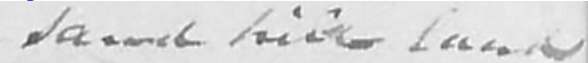
Personally appeared Nathaniel Jones and says on oath that the above statement is true as near as he can recollect.

S/ Nathaniel Jones, X his mark

S/ Jno. Danzy, JP

[p 6: On October 31, 1853, Rebecca Jones, 48, filed in Kershaw District, SC for widow's benefits under the 1852 Act stating that she is the widow of Nathaniel Jones, a Revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$56.83 per year; that she married him September 4, 1828; that he died May 6, 1846 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

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[p 7: On October 31, 1853 in Kershaw District South Carolina, Oliver Mahafey and Hiram Wheat gave testimony that they witnessed the marriage of Rebecca Jones and Nathaniel Jones performed by Allen McCaskill Esquire in Kershaw District at the residence of Nathaniel Jones.]

[Facts in file: Veteran was born in Wake County, NC—date not given; maiden name of his wife is not given in the file; widow was still living in Kershaw County, SC in 1866]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.83 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the South Carolina militia in both the Infantry & cavalry for 15 months and 10 days. His widow was pensioned in a like amount. The widow's pension was increased to \$96 per annum commencing July 27, 1868.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ⁶ relating to Nathaniel Jones	pp 11
Audited Account No. 4113	
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Petition of N. Jones praying to be placed on the pension list
Pensions
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To the Honorable the President of the Senate and members of the Same

The Petition of Nathaniel Jones respectfully Sheweth – That he is a revolutionary Soldier now in the Eightieth Year of his age – very Infirm and decrepid and no longer able to labor for his Support – which is his only reason to induce him to throw himself on the Charity of his Country – and having while Young Fought for and defended his Country – he hopes that his Country will not turn a deaf ear to his entreaties, now that he is old and unable to work for his support, and also a cripple from a wound received in her defense – Your petitioner at the age of 23 entered the Service in the troop under ~~Capt.~~ McFarlane in the frontiers of Georgia for the space of nine months against the British and Indians – Afterwards he was a Sergeant in the Company of ~~Capt.~~ Land, under the Command of Col. John Winn and Major Brown at Rocky Mount – at Orangeburg and Charleston – at which latter place he received a wound in his shoulder which now at times is so painful as almost to prevent his turning his body – he also previous to that time had rec'd a shot in his leg which under the command of Capt. McFarlane at Fort Barrington near Altamaha in Georgia while fighting against the Indians and evidence of which is a large shot can now be palpably felt in his leg having never been extracted which adds to his present pain and decrepitude – Your petitioner was also afterwards under the Command of Capt. John Watts for a considerable time during which time they routed and killed a great number of Tories on Black Creek Chesterfield District So. Ca.

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Your petitioner would also state that his property what little he has consists of a small tract of sand hill Land to him altogether unavailing even if he could labor – and a small mill which formally made him a scanty support – But of late mills having become so numerous and common that this also has failed him, and but for the few Cattle he possesses he would scarcely be able to survive – Your petitioner therefore hopes your Honorable body will take his case into consideration and grant such relief in the premises as in their discretion may seem mate [sic, meet]⁷ – Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

Signed N. Jones

South Carolina Kershaw District

Personally appeared before me Nathaniel Jones and says on oath that the above statement is true as near as he can recollect.

S/ John Douge, JP

S/ Daniel Jones, X his mark

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South Carolina Kershaw District}

Personally appeared Isham Powell before me who being duly sworn says that to his personal knowledge Nathaniel Jones was in Actual service, in the Revolutionary war in behalf of America That he heard of his being in the service under General Winn, also Major Brown at Rocky Mount – again he knows that he returned from the fall of Charleston wounded in the shoulder – also he knows of his being under the command of Capt. John Land who was a Captain in the American service.

Sworn to before me

this 24th of November 1831

S/ Jno. Douge, JP

S/ Isham Powell

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Nathan Jones [sic] praying to be placed on the Pension List

have had the same under consideration and recommend that the Prayer thereof be rejected.

December 18th 1832

S/ Tho Evans, Chair

⁷ In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.