

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Jones S__ [X407]¹

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State of North Carolina Montgomery County: County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
October Term 1832

On this first day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Montgomery now sitting Jesse Jones a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 74 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 was born in the County of Duplin in the State of North Carolina in December 1758 according to the record of his age as kept by his father that when he was quite young not more than 17 or 18 years old he was frequently volunteered his services in attached himself to Companies who reconnoitered the Country about Wilmington in North Carolina in order to keep the slaves in subjection and to protect the women & children of those who were engaged in the service of their country, that this was about the time of a battle which took place between the Whigs & Tories at a place called widow Moore's Creek [February 27, 1776] That after that the month or year he cannot say, as he does not know -- but it was four or five months previous to the Defeat of General Gates [Horatio Gates] at Camden [August 15-16, 1780], he enlisted with one Col. Faragood² in the Continental line of North Carolina for a term of six months, and served under the said Col. Faragood and one Major Dougherty. That he was stationed at the Big Bridge on the North East River and when the Cannons were there placed in order to prevent the British from passing the Bridge and marching up the Country, he was one of the men who was attached to the artillery -- that they remained at this place and at Rutherford's Mills for two or three months as well as he recollects That he recollects that there was one Col. Lenington [sic, Alexander Lillington] who also Commanded at the time he states above. While he was stationed in the neighborhood of Wilmington a Company of Men under the Command of one Col. Axum

¹ No number has been assigned this file by the National Archives. I've used the number assigned in the HeritageQuest.com version of the pension records. This file used to be designed as NC12 in this database.

² This may be a reference to Jorge Farragut (Anglicized George Farragut) (b. 9/29/1755 on Minorca; d. 1817), father of Admiral David G. Farragut (1801-1870). George Farragut is known to have been in North and South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. He served in the SC navy and was captured when Charleston fell on May 12, 1780. Exchanged, paroled or escaped, he is thought by some to have been at the Battle of Cowpens and later at Wilmington during the Revolution. J. D. Lewis notes that Farragut has commissioned a Captain of Infantry in the NC State Regiment under Maj. Bennett Crafton and Maj. Joel Lewis. 5/1/1782, a Major over the units of Light Horse within the State Regiment. (5/5/1783, the NC General Assembly back-dated this promotion.). Thanks to Hershel Parker for making this connection and calling it to my attention.

[Benjamin Exum] one of whom this affiant was were detached from the service near Wilmington and sent as a reinforcement to General Gates who was then in South Carolina. That they marched by Duplin Courthouse and passed through North Carolina going not far from Salisbury and across into South Carolina that the company were sent to General Gates joined him at a place as he recollects at a place called the widow Shepherd's Old-fields, that after they joined Gates Army they remained in it until the battle of Camden, where it was defeated. He recollects that the Capt. who commanded the company in which this affiant was named Edwards [Simon Edwards] and that he was killed close by him that after the battle and Defeat the men were ordered to rendezvous in Salisbury and other places in North Carolina. That this affiant and some others made their way to Salisbury and went through Fayetteville where he Drew rations and from thence he went into Duplin where he had lived and he found Col. Axum in Waine [Wayne] County from whom he got a discharge his term of service having expired two or three weeks before. That he had this discharge for some time afterwards but that he has long since lost it. This affiant states that not long afterwards he volunteered under one Capt. John Walker in the Militia service for a three months tour. That Walker & his Company went to the neighborhood of Wilmington and on the seaboard and reconnoitered and were kept in Garrison in order to prevent or oppose the enemies at any time landing, that when this tour was out he again volunteered under one John Whitehead a militia Capt. who raised a company who went also into the neighborhood of Wilmington and other places on the seaboard in order to prevent any landing of the British at any of the towns or landings and that section of Country. That after these tours had expired he was discharged by his Captains severally by word of mouth. The time of these services he is wholly unable to state but knows it was in the latter and of the revolution as he knows he was in service when news came of the capture of Lord Cornwallis when there was Great rejoicing. This affiant knows of no person at this time who can testify as to his services as a soldier of the revolution. That he has lived in Duplin County in the edge of South Carolina and Horry District until about 12 years past when he moved into Montgomery County in North Carolina where he now resides and those two of whom his services were formerly known or either they had or living he knows not where This affiant states that he is known in his present neighborhood to Aaron Kennedy Esquire, John Jordan and Col. Archibald McNeil who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. That there is no clergyman who can testify as to his reputation as a soldier of the revolution in as much as he came to the place where he now lives about 12 years ago. That the fact of his being a revolutionary soldier has only been Communicated to his neighbors and that there is no clergyman near him --

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 & year aforesaid

S/ J. B. Martin, Clk

S/ Jesse Jones, X his mark

[Thomas McNeill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the Court to the Applicant

1st When and in what year were you born?

A: I was born in the County of Duplin in the State of North Carolina in the year 1758

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A: My birth was recorded by my father in a book for that purpose but I

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the

Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A: I lived in the County of Duplin in this State when I was called into the service Since the revolutionary war I lived in Horry District in South Carolina until I moved to Montgomery County in this State where I have lived for the last 12 years.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A: In my first service I enlisted with Col. Faragood and served six months -- and the other two tours of three months each I volunteered as stated in my declaration

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A: I recollect the officers in the service where I was engaged was Major Dougherty-- Col. Faragood, Col. Linington & Col. Axum & but the name or Number of the Militia or Continental regiments I am unable to state. The General Circumstances of my services are related in my Declaration

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A: I received a Discharge from Col. Axum in Wayne County on Neuse River, which has been lost [:] in the two three months tours under Captains Walker and Whitehead I was verbally discharged when my three months expired

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A: I am known to Aaron Kennedy Esquire, John Jordan and Col. Archibald McNeill and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Jesse Jones, J his mark

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The Amended declaration of Jesse Jones in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832
State of North Carolina

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in the County of Montgomery and the said State Jesse Jones who being duly sworn deposeth and saith by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear precisely as to the years old the different dates of his service, but as to the length of time that he will have served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For six months I served as a private win enlisted under Col. Faragood, Major Dougherty Col. Axum by whom I was marched on to Camden with General Gates

For three months I served as a private under Capt. John Walker in the neighborhood of Wilmington.

For the three months I served as private under Capt. John Whitehead: a particular relation of these different services making in all 12 months is to be seen [in] my first Declaration. For 12 months service as a soldier of the Revolution I claim a pension

This affiant states that owing to his weakness and old age he was unable to procure the testimony of any of the persons mentioned in his first declaration by whom he could prove his

reputation as a soldier of the revolution. That Thomas McNeill who lived in an adjoining County a near neighbor of this affiant was the only persons present when his first declaration was prepared -- the other persons living at some Distance from the Court house -- and their testimony in court could not be procured. He expects to get the [testimony] of other of his neighbors to prove his reputation as aforesaid but there is no clergyman in his neighborhood by whom he can prove his reputation.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this third day of April 1833.

S/ E. F. Lilly, JP

S/ Jesse Jones, J his mark

[John Jordan gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina service.]