

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Joseph Jones S2652
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State of Tennessee, Giles County

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before Edward D. Jones, Simpson H. White and Thomas S. Webb Esquires of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Joseph Jones, a resident of the County of Giles & State of Tennessee aged either 73 or 74 years the sixth day of July 1832, 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated (Viz.) Colonel Charles McDowell in the Company of Captain Joseph McDowell of light Horse with rifles in the County of Burke & State of North Carolina on the 15th day of June 1780, as a Volunteer and was discharged from said engagement on the 16th of October 1780, by said Colonel McDowell. Under this engagement, he was in a skirmish with the party of British & Tories in the upper part of South Carolina near Warford's [sic, Wofford's] Old Iron Works. He was also at the taking of Anderson's Fort, which surrendered without a fire there was 99 men & 100 guns as reported the men were paroled. He was also in a small skirmish with some British & Tories in Rutherford County North Carolina, in which a British Horse man & a Tory were taken prisoners. He was also in the battle of King's Mountain, when Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was defeated, which is in South Carolina, during this engagement, he was several times marched to & through the upper parts of North & South Carolina he was at one time almost as low down as Ninety Six [,] at the battle of Kings mountain there was no regular or Continental Officer that he knows of, Colonel Campbell [William Campbell], he remembers was the Commander in Chief on that occasion, and a few days after the Battle he was discharged from his said Engagement, as aforesaid.

That sometime in April 1781 he enlisted as a substitute for John Strother, under Captain Mark Finks [sic, Mark Fink] in the County of Culpeper & State of Virginia under the command of Col James Slaughter, and was discharged by Col Slaughter in June 1781, making the term five months under this engagement, he was marched down near to Portsmouth & was discharged about 18 or 20 miles below Richmond on James River, in this tour he was joined to the troops of Genl Mulenburg [sic, Muhlenberg] & was in no battle.

That in the latter part of June 1781 in the County of Culpeper, his number being called on for a tour of duty, the Captain of his company Francis Nall marched with us but a few days as he got sick and returned home, then Captain William Green took command of us, under Col Allcock & marched us down James River nearly as low as Williamsburg we were attached to Genl DeMarcus of the French soldiery, Genl Wayne [Anthony Wayne] was also with us, but whether under this or the preceding engagement he cannot now be positive, that he was discharged in two months from the beginning of this engagement in the latter part of August on Shockoe Hill at Richmond Virginia on James River, that he was in no battle, he has no documentary evidence of service at this day his discharges being lost, & no witnesses to prove any but his first engagement.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Jones

Sworn to and Open Court

22nd August 1832

S/ German Lester, Clk

Questions propounded by the Court:

1st: When and in what year were you born? Answer, I was born in New Jersey, the County I don't know as I learned that my Father first moved to Loudoun County Virginia when I was two or three years old & remained there six or seven years, & then moved to Culpeper County Virginia. I remained there till 1779. I then moved to Burke County N. Carolina, & removed back to Culpeper in the Close of the year 1780. I was born on the 6th of July 1758 or 1759 as I learned from my parents.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it? Answer: I have none.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer: When I was first called into service I lived in Burke County N. Carolina, secondly & thirdly and Culpeper County Virginia. I lived in Culpeper about four years after the Close of the war, I then moved to Caswell County N. Carolina & stayed about three years, then moved to Burke County N. Carolina & stayed about 31 years, I then moved to Giles County Tennessee where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute? Answer: I first volunteered in Burke County North Carolina, secondly I was a substitute in Culpepper County Virginia for John Strother, and thirdly I was drafted, or had to serve in consequence of the number I drew in parceling the militia, in Culpeper Virginia.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: In my first tour there was no regular Troops, there was Col McDowell, Col Campbell, Col Sevier [John Sevier], & Col Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & Col Williams [James Williams] who was killed at King's mountain in my second & third engagement Genl Muhlenberg, Col Slaughter, Genl DeMarcus & Genl Wayne & Col Allcock & Major Walch brigade Major – my services were in the upper parts of N & S Carolina & from Culpeper Virginia as low as Portsmouth & Williamsburg Virginia

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it? [Answer] I received three, one from Col McDowell, one from Col Slaughter & one from Col Allcock – they have all been lost through neglect or length of time.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Answer: Martin Browning, John Browning, Gilbert H. White, Robert Deavenport, James Hammonds & many others

[John W. Yeats, a clergyman, and James Hammond gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared in open Court Martin Browning & John Browning, who being first duly sworn according to law, state, that they were well acquainted with Joseph Jones in the year 1780, who then lived at the House of their Father, said Jones, Bought a horse from their Father who lived in Burke County North Carolina and entered as a soldier in the Army, as a Horseman Martin Browning was then about 12 years old & John Browning about 10 years, they have now live in the neighborhood of said Joseph Jones & believe his age to be 73 or 74 years as he states, and that he did serve in the Army of the Revolution as he states and that it is the opinion of his neighbors as far as they know it, that he did serve.

Sworn to In Open Court
23rd of August 1832
S/ German Lester, clerk

S/ Martin Browning
S/ John Browning