

Pension Application for Benjamin Jones

S.2295 (Born Jun 9, 1763 at Goshen N.Y.

State of Ohio

Champaign County SS.

On this first day of August personally appeared in open court, before George B. Holt President & Obed Harr, James Smith & William Runkle associates, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Benjamin Jones a resident of Concord Township Champaign County & State of Ohio aged sixty nine years who having 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 & served as therein stated.

In the year 1777 or 78 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as therein stated.

In the year 1777 or 78 he entered the service commanded by Captain Blancher & Col. Butler in the month of April at fort Lackawana was then taken prisoner & discharged after four months.

Sometime in the summer of 1778 or 79 again entered the service—marched from Ulster County New York to the frontiers at Minisink—served there under Major Decker one month was then discharged and immediately [immediately] entered the service again under the same officer & at the same place and remained during two months.

In the year 1779 or 80 marched from Ulster County, New York to Fort Dewitt or Captain Dewitt's fort as it was then called on the frontiers under the command of Captain Abram Westfall & served there four months—in the year '77, 80 or 81, served a tour of six months under the command of the same officers at the same place on the frontier.

At the time of entering the service in 1777 or 1778 he resided in the State of Pennsylvania in what is now the County of Lucerne, but whether at that period it was that name he is not able to recollect, he being then only fifteen years of age and never having returned there since. After which he resided in the state of New York during the war.

He was not engaged in any battle during the war.

He was engaged during the periods of service aforesaid in defense of the frontiers against the depredations of Indians and Tories.

He cannot recollect the names of other officers under whom he served except those above stated. He cannot recollect the days when he entered the service or when he was discharged. He cannot come nearer to the time of erring or leaving the service those as above stated except when he went out on the last tour in 1780 or 1781 he went out in the spring he cannot recollect exactly what time and returned in the fall.

He resided at the town of Goshen (Ulster County as he thinks) in the State of New York during the war.

The company of militia to which he belonged was divided into classes of six men each and they were required to furnish each one man for the service and this applicant was hired by one of these companies—this was the manner of his entering the service at each of the times above mentioned, except the first time when he lived in the State of Pennsylvania as above stated and there he volunteered.

He was not connected with any Continental Regiment or Companies.

He was not marched much through the county. He was most of all the time guarding forts on the frontiers.

He was not acquainted with any of the officers of the regular army. He served faithfully during the periods above mentioned until their expiration.

He did receive regular written discharges from the Col. of his regiment, whose name he cannot recollect, for the two last times of service of four and six months, but cannot recollect the number of the regiment.

These discharges he kept for several months and then destroyed [destroyed] them or lost them, and he did not receive any discharge from the two first terms of service.

He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person by whom or by whose testimony he can prove the above statements on the above services. He was born at the aforesaid town of Goshen in the State of New York on the ninth day of June in the year seventeen hundred and sixty three.

My age is recorded in my bible at my son's house where I live. He has lived mostly since the revolutionary war in the State of New York on the Delaware river at [a] place called the [Chehawkin?] til he moved into the State of Ohio in what is now Pickaway County about 24 years ago this month.

About six years ago he moved into [Cluk?] County where he lived until last January when he moved to the place where he now lives.

The following are the names of some of the person to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution—Wesley Hughes, Richard Jones and John Walburn.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except he present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Benjamin Jones.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.