

Pension Application for John Jones

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State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 24th day of October A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany John Jones a resident of the town of Coeymans in the County of Albany in the State of New York aged 81 years and upwards, 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.

He entered the said service at the now town of New Baltimore in the County of Greene, then in the County of Albany in the State of New York a volunteer (orders having come that a certain number of militia was required either by drafts or volunteers) and joined Capt. VanSchaick's Company of Militia about the last of May or first of June 1777 and was immediately marched to Fort Edward on the Hudsons River, where he staid a short time and kept guard and was from there marched to Fort Ann and was there engaged in cutting trees and felling them across the road, and was engaged in that business and keeping guard for some considerable time.

Then was marched back to Fort Edward where he staid a short time and then marched down to Stillwater and there staid and stood Sentry and was engaged in digging a trench until his term expired. He was dismissed about the first of September 1777 and then returned home, having served at this time three months as a private soldier.

He again entered the said service at New Baltimore aforesaid in the month of September 1777 (news having arrived that Burgoyne was coming down, and that the militia were called for) a volunteer, and joined Capt. Houghtailing's company and Colo VanBergens regiment.. He had been at home abut about two weeks, from the above or first expedition before he was again called out.

He immediately marched to Bemis Heights, Fort Edward &c, and was there stationed and was engaged in the Battle at that place, and continued there until after the Surrender of Burgoyne, and was finally dismissed and returned home about the middle of November 1777 having served at this time two months as a private soldier.

He again entered the said service at New Baltimore aforesaid a volunteer for the term of three months until the month of June 1778 and joined Capt. Dubois Company of Militia and immediately marched to Schoharrie [Schoharie] and joined Colo Vroman's Regiment and was there stationed in the Upper Fort and kept guard until in the month of September 1778 and until his term of Three months expired. He served at this time Three months as a private soldier.

He again entered the said service in the summer about the first of September of the year 1779 at New Baltimore aforesaid, and joined Capt Houghtailing's Company of Militia and Colo Van Bergen's regiment and was marched down the Hudsons river and

occupied an old house for a Fort at a place called Wells, land was there stationed and kept guard, and in preventing Tories from crossing the river until his term of three months expired. He was dismissed about the first of December 1779 having served at this time three months as a private soldier.

He was out on a scout in the month of May 1782 under the command of Ensign Conine, and was marched back in the Country from the Hudsons river and served as a private soldier at this time four days.

He was in the said service at various other times and places at short periods during the said War but cannot possibly recollect at his advanced age, the precise length of each tour of service he performed and cannot make a more particular and definite statement of his services, than as above mentioned.

He swears positively however that he was in the actual service of the United States in the Revolutionary War and served as a private soldier eleven months and four days and for such service he claims a pension.

He was born in the city of Albany in the County of Albany and State aforesaid on the 22d day of June 1752.

He has seen a record of his age in his fathers family Bible, but he does not know what has become of it. He has no record of his age now in his possession.

He resided at the time he was called into the said service at New Baltimore aforesaid and has resided there and in Coeymans his present place of residence in the County of Albany ever since.

He was called into the said service in the manner stated in the above declaration.

Capt Conine, Lieut Hoghkerk, Colo VanSchaick, Genl Schuyler, Genl Arnold and others were with the troops where he served, but he cannot recollect what Continental or Militia regiment he served with.

He never received a written discharge nor has he any documentary evidence to prove his services.

He is known to Revd [?] Jolly, Major Isac D. Verplant, Stephen Haines Esqr, Peter VanAntwerp Esqr, Judge John McCarty, Henry Niles, Thomas Witbeck, John Whitbeck, [Whitbeck spelled both ways] Colo Israel Shear Doct Jesse Smith, Doct H. Shalding and others who reside in his present neighbourhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He made a declaration of his services more than one year ago which was forwarded to the War Department by E. Worcester Esqr a lawyer residing in the City of Albany, but which as he has been informed has not been received at the pension office.

Accompanying the said declaration was an affidavit of Jonas Bronk proving this declarants service in the Revolutionary War or the same facts sworn to by Israel D. Verplank, whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

He does not know what has become of the said affidavit and he has used every exertion in his power to obtain witnesses to prove his services in the Revolutionary War and any other witness except the said J. D. Verplank cannot be had or found.

He is verry [very] much troubled with a Rheumatic complaint and so much so that he cannot at his advanced age travel 18 miles (the distance he resides from the City of Albany where the courts of record for the County of Albany are held) to attend the Court.

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. (Signed) John Jones

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. J. B. Moore
Judge of Albany County Courts.