

Pension application of Berryman Jones S5632

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State of Virginia and County of Greenbrier: To wit

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful, the Court of Greenbrier now sitting, Berryman Jones a resident of the County of Greenbrier and State of Virginia, aged about 75 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That he was born in Amherst County Virginia, in the year 1757, he believes as he has now no register of his age from whence, during his minority, his father emigrated to Augusta County Virginia, where he entered the service – with the militia in a draft – under Captain Brown – and Colonel Cameron, and served a three months tour, in the neighborhood of Richmond whence he was discharged, without any written certificate of such discharge – A short time after the first discharge, he was again drafted; and entered service and served out a three months tour of duty – under the command of Captain James Bell – and Major Wilson – He was marched to Richmond, and from thence to James Town where he was engaged in a Battle, under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Major Wilson – and after serving another three months tour of duty he was dismissed – He returned home, and immediately substituted for his Brother Voluntine Jones [sic, Valentine Jones?]; and was marched to Carolina in pursuit of Cornwallis, passing through Charlottesville, Williamsburg, Virginia and Salisbury Carolina from thence to the Catawba [River] & crossing it – on to Broad River, thence to the Cowpens where he was engaged, in the Battle, under the command of Captain James Tate and General Morgan – some of the other field officers there were Major Brook and Colonel Howard – The day after the Battle he was detailed to guard the prisoners, and marched them on to Salisbury where he left them after serving a tour of six months duty – and returned home – thence he was called out against the Indians, and marched to Clover Lick crossing Greenbrier River, on the West fork of Monongahela River – Under the command of Captain John Machisie[sic, John McKissick] and after serving three months returned home and was immediately drafted on a tour of duty against the enemy who were then marching through Virginia – His march was by Rockfish Gap, Charlottesville, Williamsburg and to Yorktown – where he was engaged in the Siege or Battle of Yorktown – under Captain Francis Long – as well as he now recollects – The field officers as he now recollects there were General Washington – General Lafayette – General William Campbell and General Wayne &c – He was there during the Siege – and was present under arms at the Surrender of the British Army, and was then one of the detailed, to march the prisoners to Winchester, where he accompanied and guarded them making in all a service of one year and nine months – during the war – He does not recollect the Continental regiments to which he was Joined, during any of his campaigns – 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/ Berryman Jones, X his mark

Test:

S/ John Mathews, C. G. C.

I Samuel Sams<sup>1</sup> a resident of the County of Monroe and State of Virginia do hereby certify, That I was well acquainted with Berryman Jones, who has sworn to the above declaration; and served in the same company with him during a six months tour, and went with him at the Battle of the Cowpens – and he served faithfully that tour of duty – all which is subscribed by me and sworn to in open Court – before the County Court of Greenbrier the day and year above mentioned.

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S6049

Sworn to in open court.

S/ Samuel Sams

Test: S/ John Mathews, C. G. C.

State of Virginia, Greenbrier County

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 Personally Appeared in open Court before the County Court of Greenbrier now Sitting Samuel Clark<sup>2</sup> a Resident of Monroe County & State of Virginia Aforesaid & After being first Sworn as the law directs on his Oath states that in the month of May 1781 that he the said Samuel Clark Volunteered his Service on a draft in the Room of John McCutchen been drafted from the County of Augusta & that Berryman Jones [spelled "Joens" throughout] who applies for this Affidavit appeared in the Service with him & that the [sic, they?] ware [sic, were] commanded by Captain Patrick Buckannan [sic, Patrick Buchanan?] & marched to near Williamsburg where they joined the Army commanded by Generals Wayne & Lafayette & had a scrimmage with a small Scouting Party of British they were then marched to Jamestown where they had an Engagement with the British where the said Samuel Clark was wounded by the British light horse & then taken to the hospital where he remained until discharged, And that in the month of September 1781 the said Samuel Clark was again called into Service by draft & was marched to the Siege of Yorktown where the British Army commanded by Cornwallis Surrendered & was made Prisoners & that the aforesaid Berryman Jones was then in Service that in April 1782 the said Samuel Clark volunteered his service on a Tour of duty against the Indians on the Waters of the Ohio River on the West fork of the Monongalia River & was Stationed in Tygers Valley [sic, Tygart's or Tygart Valley] in during Which time the said Berryman Jones was continued at said Station & that he the said Clark performed the duties of a spy during said tour until discharged & the said Jones returned with him to the County of Augusta & further saith that to the best of his Recollection the above tours of duty was for three months each Sworn to the day & date above.

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ Samuel Clark

Test: S/ John Mathews, C. G. C.

Supplement to the declaration of Berryman Jones to obtain a pension under the act passed June 7, 1832 – which is made before me the undersigned Henry Erskine a Justice of the Peace for Greenbrier County State of Virginia – on oath – on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1833.

That he cannot now recollect the precise periods, that he entered the service in several tours of duty which he performed – nor does he recollect the precise time of his dismissals – But he recollects distinctly as stated before – the length of each term of service – and the Battles he was again – during the Revolutionary War – That his whole service amounts to one year and nine months – That as before stated he has received no pension and relinquishes all claim to any but the present.

Question Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Amherst County Virginia in the year 1757.

Question: Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer: I have none – But have kept my age my memory.

Question: Where were you living when called into service – where have you lived since the Revolutionary War – and where do you now live?

Answer: I lived when called into service in Augusta County Virginia – since the War I have lived generally in Greenbrier County Virginia – where I now live.

Question – How were you called into service were you drafted – did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer: I was first drafted and served a three months tour – then returned and was again drafted a light term – and the next tour was a substitute for my Brother Valentine Jones and served a tour of six

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<sup>2</sup> FPA S9188

months duty then I was again drafted to go against the Indians a three months tour in then served a six months tour I believe as a volunteer – I know I volunteered once and believed this last campaign was the time.

State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served – such Continental and militia regiments as you recollect – in the General circumstances of your services --

Answer – I served under Colonel Howard, Major Brook and General Morgan-- In another tour I was under the command of Major Wilson and General Greene – I recollect also of being under the command of General Wayne and General Campbell – I do not recollect the names of the regiments – I was always attached to a rifle corps – and I think we lived separate only when the Junction with the Army was required.

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 do not recollect of receiving written discharges but once – and that was from General Morgan – and I have lost it.

Question: 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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution --

Answer – the Reverend John McElhaney and Colonel Mark H. Goshen --

Sworn and subscribed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> day July 18933                      S/ Berryman Jones, X his mark  
S/ Henry Erskine, JP

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. Singleton wrote “Entitled” on the report.]

Berryman Jones –Served 18 mos. has drawn \$180

I the undersigned Berryman Jones having been called on by W. G. Singleton agent of the Pension office for a narrative of my Revolutionary Services and Statement of my age, give the following to wit – from the best information in my possession I am in my 77<sup>th</sup> year of age and a native of Amherst County Virginia and resided in the County of Augusta during the War of the Revolution – Shortly after I was put on the muster rolls but I can't tell in what year I Substituted in the place of my older did Brother Valentine, we marched from Augusta County under James Tate Captain, John Crawford Lieutenant & Michael Coulter Ensign – Captain Buchanan's Company went from same place & at same time. We rendezvoused at Staunton, went through Williamsburg & Saulsbury [sic, Salisbury] and Joined General Daniel Morgan in Carolina, but can't recollect at what place, our companies ( to wit Tates' & Crawford's) were rifle companies and were consequently generally stationed some distance from the Main Army, we were moved about from place to place the names of which I can't now recollect – but finally got to the Cowpens where we had an engagement with Tarleton's men in which they were defeated – Morgan commanded the American Army – the day after the Battle we moved the prisoners to Salisbury and were there discharged, after being six months in Service.

Immediately after my return, there was a general call for the Militia, to meet Cornwallis who was pursuing & endeavoring to retake the British prisoners captured at the Cowpens. I volunteered and marched from same County under same Captain. We went to Guilford Court House and Joined General Morgan's Army where a battle took place in which the Americans were beaten [?] I think that General Morgan was the only General officer at the Battle of Guilford Court house. I don't recollect that there was any other General – we volunteered for an indifferent time. After the Battle was over we returned home. I was in this service at least six weeks – in a few days after my return from Guilford

Court House I was drafted for two months – marched from same County under Captain James Bell, there were several companies went at same time under Major Wilson. This was in the Summer [illegible word or words] we went through Richmond to Jamestown where we had a smart engagement – we remained at Jamestown and about there for the two months. We Joined General [illegible name] Army at Jamestown – I can't tell the year in which this or any of my Services was performed – returned home & remained only two or three days and was again drafted for two months [indecipherable word] from same County (I think under Captain Michael Coulter) some three or four companies were from same County [several illegible words] the same Major Wilson commanded. We went on to James town in [several indecipherable words] Joined General Wayne at Jamestown. We were [indecipherable word] in or about Jamestown for the two months – returned home and had been at home for a few days only when I was drafted again for two months, we marched from same County under Captain Patrick Buchanan [several indecipherable lines] – we went on through Williamsburg to Yorktown and was in the engagement which resulted in the capture of Cornwallis, his Army went with the Prisoners to the Winchester Barracks. I don't recollect the number of my Regiment or the name of my Colonel. I remained in service in this tour for three months although only drafted for two – in the Summer after Cornwallis was captured I served two tours of two months each in Taggart's Valley against the Indians, we went from Augusta under Captain John McKissick was at Warrick's Fort under Colonel Randolph – also served about four weeks at Staunton guarding the Tories – thus ended my Service. I proved my services in part & James Bolen wrote my Declaration to whom I gave the same [several indecipherable words] charged me \$10 – In Witness of all which I hereto Subscribe my name. January 19, 1835.

S/ Berryman Jones, X his mark

Witness:

S/ W. H. Wood

A Copy

W. G. Singleton

Jany. 21, 1835

Lewisburg, Greenbrier County Virginia April 14, 1835

Sir,

Yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ultimo asking me to return my pension certificate with some explanations as to some objections made to my former declarations.

You say that my declaration is ironious [sic] in setting forth that I substituted and served six months for my brother. I substituted to serve my brother's Tour of duty and was marched to North and South Carolina and was under General Morgan as commander in chief and after I had served three months, I was continued in the service three months longer in all six months. My first three months service was out before the battle of the Cowpens and about the time there appeared a considerable danger and the whole company was detained on account [of] the danger and I understood that the commander in chief had a right to detain the militia in service when there was danger. Such was said in the Army and believed by the men. I was in the battle at the Cowpens, after that battle I was one that aided in marching the prisoners to Salisbury. I feel satisfied that I served six months during this time. I will refer you to the affidavit of Samuel Sams.

You say that there is another error in the time I served in the [sic] 1781 as the militia were not detained in Service after the Battle of Yorktown. I was detailed in the County of Augusta and had to march to Yorktown upwards of 200 miles. I was there or in the neighborhood of York some time beyond the battle of York and was in the Siege during the whole time. I was then detailed to aid in guarding the prisoners and marching them to Winchester which is upwards of 200 miles from Yorktown. I did not keep any correct account of time but in my opinion I did serve this tour full three months.

You say that I set forth in my declaration that I served one tour against the Indians. I do not now recollect particularly what is said in my declarations but I distinctly recollect that I served two

tours – the first one I was called out early in the Spring the other a short time after I got home the reason I went so soon news reached that depredations had been committed by the Indians. Samuel Cark [sic, Clark?] I believe proves one tour.

You will find my certificate returned to you to do as you may think best.

Your Obedient Servant

S/ Berryman Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me Henry Erskine a Justice of the peace for Greenbrier County.