State of Pennsylvania,)
County of Centre. ss.) On the 24th day of June,1833. Personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County,State of Pennsylvania,now setting,Samuel Jones,aged seventy-eight 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 on the 7th day of June,1833.(1832.)

That he entered the service under the following named officers,and served as herein stated.—

We were called together in Battalion,at White Horse tavern,in the township of Amity, county of Berks,State of Pennsylvania,in the month of August in the year,1776,under command of Colonel Mark Burd(or Bird,of the Birdsboro family of this name,near Reading. W.F.W. our Major was named John Jones,—my Captain was Detrick Pennypacker; first Lieutenant,David Davis; second Lieut.,David Sands,—were marched from the White Horse Tavern to Philadelphia; we remained there some days encamped; then were marched to Trenton; from that through New Jersey to Paules Hook,where we remained as a guard to the British Fleet,until we were discharged.—This tour was two months,which I served in full.—I got no discharge,—I was a private,—and was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the tour.—I was a private.

The second time,I was called out in the month of December,1777.—We were then classed the fifth class was called,to which I belonged.—We met at Reading,Berks County,Pennsylvania,—we were under the command of Colonel Lindemuth,our Major was named Shoemaker; my Captain was Jacob Roads; we were marched to White Marsh Hills,where we joined Washington's army.—I was in several skirmishes with the British and Hessian Dragoons.—The first skirmish was with a foraging party of the Hessians,between White Marsh Hills and Philadelphia it lasted but a few moments.—The next skirmish took place on the Commons of the City of Philadelphia,the Americans were three thousand in number,and had three field pieces,we were commanded,on this occasion,by General Bull.(Colonel John Bull,at this time,he was a resident of Providence township,now Montgomery county,he had been an officer in the last French and Indian war. He was in affluent circumstances,but lost heavily during the war through the destruction of his property by the British. He later settled in the town of Northumberland,and became an honored and respected citizen. See sketch of,H.C.Bell's Hist.of North'd Co.,p.520. W.F.W.) This skirmish lasted less than half an hour.—I continued at White Marsh Hills,until I was discharged,I got no discharge.—This tour was for two month which I fully served.—I never was engaged in any civil pursuit,during my tours.

I have no documentary evidence that I can produce,nor do I know of any person,who can testify to my services.—And I do hereby relinquish all and every claim,to a pension or annuity,except the present,and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.—

Interrogatories by the Court.

1.—Where and in what year were you born? Answer.—I was born in Amity Township,Berks County,State of Pennsylvania,in 1754.

2.—Have you any record of your age,and if so,where is it? Answer.—I had such a record, but my son moved to Ohio,and has this book,in which my age was recorded.—I am certain that,I was seventy-eight years of age,in December,last.

3.—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 in Amity township,Berks County,when first called into service.—I have lived in Northumberland County,in the State of Pennsylvania; I now live in Logan township,Centre County,Pennsylvania.

4.—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 drafted both times.

5.—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.—Our General was named Sterling(Lord Sterling),while(we)were at Paulis Hook guarding the British.—General Bull was our commander,the second time I was out,and at the skirmish on the Commons,near the City of Philadelphia.—I cannot give the names of any Continental or Militia Regiments.—The general circumstances of my service are set forth in my declaration above.

6.--Did you ever receive a discharge,and if so,by whom was it given,and what has become o it? Answer.--I never received a discharge; we never knew that it was of any consequence,to have a written or printed discharge in those days.--I got no pay for my last t ur.

7.--State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood,who can testify as to your character for veracity,and their belief as to your services,as a s dier of the Revolution.? Answer.--J. George Hime(Heim?)(a Clergyman)and Henry Gunninger.--

Sworn and subscribed,in open Court, 24 June, 1833.) (Signed) Samuel Jones.
Jas. Gilliland, Clerk.)

We, J. George Hime,a clergyman,residing in the County of Union(and Preacher for the c gregation in Logan township)and John Schrack(Henry Gunninger below.W.F.W.),residing in Logan township,County of Centre,State of Pennsylvania,hereby certify that,we are well acquainted with Samuel Jones,who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration,that we believe him to be seventy-eight years of age,that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he lives,to have been a soldier of the Revolution,and that we concur in that opinion.--

Sworn and subscribed,the day and year,aforesaid,) J. George Hime(or Heim,in German.W.F.W.
in open Court.-- Jas. Gilliland, Clerk.) John Shrack.

And now,to wit; the 24th day of June,A.D.,1833,and the said Court,do hereby declare their opinion,after the investigation of the matter,and putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department,that the above applicant was a Revolutionary soldier,and served as he states.--And the Court further certify,that J. George Hime(Heim)and Henry Gunninger, who have signed the preceeding certificate,are residents of this state,and are credible persons,and that their statement is entitled to credit.-- (Signed) Th. Burnside,) Judge.
Jacob Kryder.)

I, James Gilliland, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas,in and for the County of Centre do hereby certify,that the foregoing contains the original proceedings,of the said Court, in the matter of the second application of Samuel Jones for a pension.

In Testimony whereof,I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office,this 24th day of June,A.D.,1833.-- Jas. Gilliland, Clerk.

A Brief,or condensed statement,of the military service of Samuel Jones,taken from his declaration,apparently for official use,and of no added historical interest. W.F.W.

War Department, Pension Office, July 11,1833.

Sir: The papers in support of the claim of Samuel Jones,have been examined and placed on our files.--By his own allegation,he served only four months(The act of 1832 required at least six months service.W.F.W.),a time insufficient to entitle him to the benefits of the act of 7 June,1832.--That law requires,from every applicant,a service of six months.--His claim has therefore been rejected,and his papers are retained according to the usage of the Department.-- (No signature,apparently from the Comm'r of Pensions. W.)

James Gilliland, Esq., Bellefonte, Pa.

(Endorsed on jacket)

R-5742,--Pennsylvania,--Rejected,--Act 7 June,'32.

See letter to James Gilliland, Bellefonte, Pa., 12 July,1833.

5742,--Samuel Jones,--Rejected.(Rejected printed in red ink.W.F.W.)

Notation in the War Dep't list of rejected claims of Revolutionary soldiers of 1832: "He did not serve six months." W.F.W.

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