

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Morris Jones VAS1303

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Northumberland County to wit

I M. B. Cralle Clerk of the court of said County do hereby certify that it does not appear from the records of my office that Morris Jones, William Norman & Spencer Hayrise [?] left any will.

Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> of September 1838

S/ M. B. Cralle, CC

Northumberland County Court 9<sup>th</sup> of July 1838

It appears to the satisfaction of the court upon the testimony of witnesses sworn in open court & examined, that Morriss Jones late of the County of Northumberland enlisted as a drummer in the American revolutionary war in Captain John Crane's company at Northumberland Courthouse, was mustered in Crane's Company at Northumberland Courthouse, and marched off with him, served three years as drummer in the service of the United States and returned to the County of Northumberland & lived many years after – he died leaving seven children Lucy, Nancy, Morriss, Paul, Jinsey, Thomas & Mary. Morriss is dead leaving two children Elizabeth & Morriss, – and that the said surviving six children & the two children of Morris their brother all the heirs and only heirs of the said Morris Jones drummer as aforesaid  
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S/ M. B. Cralle, CC

[p 5: power of attorney dated July 9, 1838 executed by Stephen Crowthers, Lucy Jones, Thomas Jones, Lemuel Lowe (who married Nancy Jones), John Lowe (who married Mary Jones), Paul Jones, Lindsey Jones.]

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To the Executive of Virginia

Your petitioners Stephen Crowthers, Lindsey Jones, Thomas Jones, Lemuel Lowe, & Paul Jones & John Lowe of the County of Northumberland: The said Lindsay Jones, Thomas Jones & Paul Jones are sons of Morriss Jones, & the said Stephen Crowther married to Lucy Jones daughter of the said Morriss & Lemuel Lowe married Nancy Jones daughter of said Morriss, & John Lowe (married Mary daughter of the said Morriss) and that ye said petitioners are heirs & only heirs of Morriss Jones.

That the said Morriss Jones enlisted in the company commanded by Captain John Craine of the Virginia Continental line in the war of the American Revolution, that he enlisted at an early period of the war for three years as drummer, & served out the three years as Drum Major in the said War. At this late day it is difficult to prove facts that were notorious in former times – This is the first & only application that your petitioners or either of them have ever made for any bounty in land on account of the military services of the said Morriss Jones. It is hoped that the evidence & vouchers accompanying this petition will be deemed sufficient & ye petitioners will ever pray etc.

*Stephen Crowther*  
*Lindsey Jones*  
*Thomas Jones*  
*Lemuel Lowe*  
*Paul Jones*  
*John Lowe*

[Attested in Northumberland County Virginia September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1838]

Received September 27, 1838

Rejected March 16, 1840

D. C.

The deposition of John S Kastenson [?]<sup>1</sup> taken before me Matthew Lamkin a justice of the peace for Northumberland County State of Virginia to be used in evidence before the Executive of Virginia in the application of the heirs of Morriss Jones for bounty land & pay on account of the military services in the American Revolutionary war of the said Morriss Jones.

This deponent being first sworn upon the holy evangelists of Almighty God deposes and saith –

Question by the agent & attorney of Stephen Crowther, Lindsey Jones, Thomas Jones, Lemuel Lowe, & John Lowe:

Did you know Morriss Jones?

Answer. Yes I knew Morriss Jones when he enlisted in the Army of the United States about the year 1777.

Question by same – Did you know him previous to the year 1777?

Answer. Yes, he was a neighbor of mine, I knew him before he went in the war, & after he came back & I knew him until his death which was about 1802.

*John S. Kastenson*

<sup>1</sup> Other places, this name looks more like "John S. Hesterson."; the archivist at the State Library of Virginia in preparing the index card for this file lists his name as "John S. Kesterson." or "John S. Keaterson"

**John S. Kesterson.**

Question by same. Had Morris Jones any children at the time of his death & has he any now – if he has who are they?

Answer. Yes he had seven children, Lucy, Nancy, Morriss, Paul, Lindsey, Thomas & Mary and they are all living but Morriss he is dead.

Question by same. Are there daughters named & if they are, whom did they marry?

Answer. Lucy married Stephen Crowther, Nancy married Lemuel Lowe, & Mary married John Lowe.

Question by same – Are their husbands now living –

Answer – Yes, all of them.

Question by same – Do you know whether these are the only heirs of Morriss Jones?

Answer. Yes, they are the only heirs.

Question by same. Do you or do you not know whether Morriss Jones of whom you have spoken ever rendered any military services in the American Revolutionary War, if you do, state all you know about it.

Answer. Yes, Morriss Jones enlisted under Captain John Craine at Northumberland Court House I think about the year 1777 & served five years & returned home about May 1783.

Do you know for how many years he enlisted?

Answer. He enlisted I know for three years, but he served more as he told me after he came back. I know he was gone five years or upwards & when he returned he brought his Drum with him.

Question by same – How came he to have a Drum?

Answer. How he got it I am not able to say, but he enlisted as Drummer, & was the best drummer ever I heard, & he acted as drum major in the militia as long as he lived after he returned.

Question. By same – Do you know whether Morriss Jones made a will before he died?

Answer. I cannot say positively but I don't believe he did, I never heard of any.

Question by same – Did Morriss Jones the younger have any children?

Answer: yes, he left two.

Question by same. Is the mother of these two children living, I mean the widow of Morriss the younger?

Answer. I have heard that she is dead, I believe she years.

Question by same. Do you know whether Morriss Jones the revolutionary soldier ever applied for or got any bounty land or pay for his services?

Answer. Not that I know of – nor do I believe his children have ever applied since his death for any.

And further this deponent saith not.

S/ John S. Resterson [?]



The foregoing deposition taken, signed & sworn to before me at Northumberland Court House this 13<sup>th</sup> September 1838. Given under my hand & seal

S/ Matthew Lamkins [?]

