

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Jones VAS1306

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

Thomas Newell¹ of Prince George County and State of Virginia does certify that Peter Jones did enlist under Richard Mead Captain in the ___ Regiment for a term of three years in the revolutionary War, and after that time expired he the said Peter Jones then reenlisted for a term of during the aforesaid War, and I am of opinion he was then chosen as one of General Washington's life guard and at close of the said revolutionary War, he then returned home.

Given under my hand this 14th day of February 1832

S/ Thomas Newell



[attested in Prince George County Virginia March 10th, 1832.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 3rd day of September 1784, in the name of Peter Jones, as a Soldier of Infantry for £63.0.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to H. Banks and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
18 day of March 1835.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

Report upon the claim of the Heirs of Peter Jones, soldier of the
Continental line, for bounty land for his services
To Governor Tazewell
Sir,

Public documents disclose the following facts, in relation, to this claim – to wit – The name of Peter Jones appears twice on the Army Register of the Continental line. He received, as Corporal of artillery, April 2nd, 1783, a certificate for £82.10.6, the balance of his full pay &c.

¹ Very likely the same man as [Thomas Newell S5813](#)

Peter Jones also received, as a soldier of infantry of the Continental line, on the 3rd of September 1784, a certificate for £63.0.4, which certificate was delivered to H. Banks. (See Army Register – C. L.)

It appears, that Peter Jones, a Corporal of the Continental line, has received 200 acres of land for his services – And that Peter Jones, a Soldier of Infantry, has received 100 acres of land for his services.

The facts, proved by the testimony of living witnesses which has been relied upon by the Claimants, one as follows – to wit –

That Peter Jones, of the County of Prince George and State of Virginia, enlisted in the Continental service in the Revolutionary War for 3 years, and was orderly Sergeant of Artillery – That he served the whole of the said term of enlistment – that he afterwards enlisted again for 5 years, or during the war – that he served to the end of the war, and was discharged &c &c. See the affidavits of William Weeks & Thomas Newell, which have been filed with the Petition.

Respectfully submitted\

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c

13th April 1835

State of Virginia Prince George County, to wit

This day William Weeks of the State and County aforesaid personally appeared before me Philip B Thereatt an acting Justice of the Commonwealth of the County and State aforesaid and made oath that he was well acquainted with Peter Jones of the County & State aforesaid that the said Peter Jones enlisted for three years in the Continental service in the revolutionary War, which term of three years he served, and was orderly Sergeant in the Artillery, after which term of three years he enlisted again for five years or During the War and served during the war, and was discharged: this deponent further states that said Jones was under the command of General Charles Harrison, and has heard said Jones state there was land due him for his services but this deponent States he does not believe he ever got any Land for his services: that he lived within 1 mile of said Jones and was often with him: the deponent states he is seventy years of age, that he knew of no other person of said Jones name in said Regiment, nor also who was Sergeant in the Army. This 3rd of December 1834 [indecipherable word or words] before assigned

S/ William Weeks, X his mark

S/ P. B. Thereatt, JP

State of Virginia Prince George County, to wit:

Personally appeared before me, Amy Jones of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that she is the widow of Peter Jones deceased, together with her son's Thomas W and Peter, and her daughter Sally Jones and William Jones, son, and ~~Richard Jones the grandson of Peter Jones, deceased,~~ are the only living heirs that she knows of the said Peter Jones deceased that she is 66 [last digit unclear] years of age, and that she is fully persuaded of the truth of the statements made by William Weeks in regard to the services rendered by the said Peter Jones, in the revolutionary war. Sworn to and subscribed before me, an acting Justice of the peace this 3rd day of December 1834

S/ Amy Jones, X her mark

S/ P. B. Thereatt, JP

To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned Heirs of Peter Jones beg leave respectfully to present their statement for Land Bounty to the Executive of Virginia and in support thereof to submit the following

statements, that your memorialist are the Wife, sons & daughter, nephew and heirs of said Peter Jones deceased and are Citizens of the County of Prince George and State of Virginia. That he served under General Charles Harrison as orderly Sergeant in the artillery in the Continental Service, that he entered said service in 1776 for three years which term he served and enlisted again for five years or during the war, served that out and was discharged. Your Memorialists verily believe themselves entitled to Land Bounty for the services of Peter Jones aforesaid, and are induced to this Conclusion more from the reports of others than from any knowledge they themselves possess on the subject they therefore believe that if the claim can receive the advantages of an investigation by the Commissioner appointed therefore that it will be fully shown they respectfully asked that their case may be considered and that such a disposition may be made thereof as that right & justice may be done.

S/ Amy Jones, X her Mark, widow of Peter Jones
S/ William Jones ~~son of Peter Jones~~ This mistaken
S/ Thomas W Jones, son of Peter Jones
S/ Peter Jones son of Peter Jones
S/ Sally Jones daughter of Peter Jones
S/ Richard Jones ~~Grandson of Peter Jones~~ Jones mistaken

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Richard Jones Grandson of Peter Jones

The foregoing memorial was subscribed and acknowledged before me the 3rd day of December 1834

S/ P. B. Thereatt, JP

William Jones and Richard were not entitled they got all they were to have at Peter Jones death. The balance to his wife and another other Children.

[Note: I believe, but cannot be certain, that the following document relates to the above veteran.]

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

This is to Certify that he or Jones a soldier in Colonel Charles Harrison's Regiment of Artillery served the term of 3 years as a Corporal & entitled to the Usual Gratuities he having enlisted on the 20th December 1776 and was discharged 20th December 1779. Given under my hand at Petersburg 1 September 1783

S/ R. Hill, Lieut. of Artillery

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S/ J Pendleton Junior